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share-owning democracy. The committee, led by some of the City's most powerful fi-nanciers, has concluded that that over the next 20 years and beyond, individuals are going to have to take greater personal responsibility for the world of work is so pre-carious that secondary their own longterm financial security. Led by the financier Sir schoolchildren should be taught to take responsibility for their own financial affairs, the Guardian has

Mark Weinberg, the commitbig City organisations includ-ing N. M. Rothschild, Abbey National and ProShare, the youngsters risk financial di-Stock Exchange body respon-

Teachers' unions were gnarded in their response to the task force's forthcoming proposals. A spokeswoman for the National Union of Teachers said there would be difficulties fiti personal finance lessons in an already overcrowded

schoel day. Teachers try to include as- Tony Blair with President Bill Clinton in the Oval Office at the White House yesterday

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equips them to make provi sion for pensions and other fi nancial safeguards, as tradi-tional full-time staff jobs

eroded. The programme would include everything from pen-sions to life assurance and stock market investment. Ministers privately actaught as a compulsory subject to every secondary

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programme. A member of the Associaknowledge that the Govern-ment's 16-year privatisation programme has failed to per-suade the public to invest in tion of British Insurers said yesterday. 'It is crucially important to let people know that the welfare state is not the stock market, despite the going to provide everything. "Even now an old age pen sale of tens of billions of

sion provides nothing like a decent standard of living. pounds' worth of state-owned However, the task force is People have got to realise that understood to have concluded that a far more radical apcare doesn't come free. "Being able to talk to chilproach to money manage-ment should be taken by the dren would be useful for the nation as well as the individcould come from the invest- ment should be taken by the ment industry itself, accord- Government, because of the uals involved."

**Clinton fetes cautiously triumphant Blair** 

Rebecca Smithers, and Patrick Wintour In Washington

TRIUMPHANT Tony Alabour's byelection vic-tory by being feted in the White House by President Bill Clinton yesterday while warning his party that the general election was not in the bag. John Major, whose Com-

mons majority was whittled down to one, conceded that he was disappointed by one of the worst byelection defeats in living memory. Tory strategists began a post-mortem into the defeat with a mughhigher-than expected swing of

consigning his Government to oblivion. He said he 22 per cent. But Mr Major's attempts to pull his party together were undermined by criticism remained confident the Gov ernment's hard work would from his right-wingers that the party is risking defeat in the general election if it sticks start to show results and underlined his determination "to get our message across" - a view echoed during the to the centre ground. day by other Cabinet members. Brian Jenkins beat even the Labour Party's most optimis-

tic expectations by turning The Deputy Prime Minis they were not seeking to fer-the Tories 7,192 majority into ter, Michael Heseltine, pre-a winning Labour margin of dicted that a rise in living ment, though the defeat 13,762. The 22 per cent swing standards over the next 12 leaves their nine MPs in a

was its second best result in | months would secure a gen- | powerful position. The Tories | leader, but a growing expecta-any hyplaction and was level election victory for the | are bracing themselves for a | tion that John Major will not Tories despite last night's de-feat. He insisted that there achieved in a seat in the Tory heartlands.

The byelection was caused by the death of the Conserva-tive whip Sir David Lightwas still time to win over the voters, and he could see no. advantage in an autumn bown in December. The Tory candidate, Jimmy James, ef-fectively lost 60 per cent of his election But John Redwood warned Mr Major that after the disapparty's vote last time, but blamed the defeat — much worse than the Tories had pointing result, "the govern-ment must show it has lis-

taned to the worries of the electors". Criticising the Gov-ernment's obsession with ecofeared — on a poor turnout by the party's supporters rather than the high degree of switching claimed by Labour. nomic recovery, he said this was not enough, and that people also wanted assur-Yesterday, in his first public comments since the elec-tion result in the early hours, health — and Britain's role in Europe. Without such mea-sures "to win back the lost the Prime Minister admitted that he was disappointed by the result, but warned against support ... Labour would give our country away and

lamage our future". Meanwhile, Mr Major will strongly resist any bids to unseat the Government before next spring, despite the pros-pect of some dangerously nar-

row Commons votes. The Ulster Unionists said

are bracing themselves for a heavy defeat in the local gov-ernment elections on May 2. In Washington, Mr Blair spent 40 minutes in talks with Mr Clinton and several of his most senior advisers, which was the climax to a successful three day visit.

be prime minister next year. Before flying back to Lon-dom last night, Mr Blair said: "This result shows very clearly we are a political force that has an appeal across the classes and across traditional political divides.

The five- star treatment given to Mr Blair by Mr Clin-Biair is the bride of Bill, page 13; Leader comment, page top indicates not just political sympathy with the Labour 14

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## **Terrified Lebanese flee** as Israel hits south

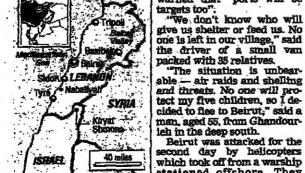
#### David Hirst in Beirut

HE Israeli-Hizbullah fighting intensified dangerously yesterday as tens of thousands of Lebanese civilians fled southern towns and villages, and Israeli helicopters rocketed a Syrian army position in the heart of Beirut.

The chaotic civilian exodus ine custor events exous from south Lebanon began in mid-morning, immediately after israel warned that it would starf bombarding 45 towns and villages after 2.30pm yesterday in response to rocket attacks on northern Israel by Islamic guerrillas. The warning was disseminated by the radio station of Israel's protege, the South Lebanese Army, and by leaflets dropped from Israeli belicopters. The deadline was later ex-

tended by two hours. At 5pm, according to one report. Israeli fighter-bombers began strafing the market town of Nabatiyah as helicopters went into action against vil-

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Thousands of cars packed with refugees took to the roads in a frenzied rush for safety, in scenes reminiscent of July 1993, when the Israelis killed 130 civilians in a week-

coastal highway from Tyre and Sidon and to Beirut was

stationed offshore. They struck twice at a Syrian army position on the highway to Beirut airport, which was closed again for a while. The position is adjacent to the "southern suburbs" where Hizbullah holds sway but the choice of target was almost certainly intended to drive

clogged with traffic heading north after the SLA radio warned that "ports will be

targets too". "We don't know who will

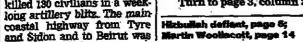
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cided to flee to Beirut;" said a man, aged 55, from Ghandour-

Beirut was attacked for the

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"I was once [working class], but by being a member of Par-

Gary Younge

PASS the guacamole and roll out the futons - it's official. The MP who left school at 15 to train as a chef, worked for 10 years at sea and rose through the ranks of the trade union movement has finally come out of the closet.

And his leader, Tony Blair, byelection triumph. "I gather acknowledged his new status you are now a class act not a

Class act Prescott casts aside his flat cap image

as he thanked him for his con-tribution to the party's Mr Prescott's admission the banner Staffordshire South East came in response to the for Labour".

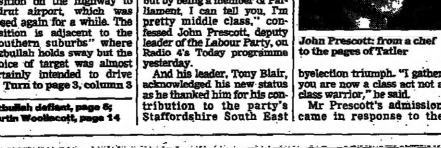
Labour MP Chris Mullin who warned: "Those who have done best out of the Thatcher decade will be expected to contribute most to repairing the damage." Mr Prescott replied: "We're not selling our soul. You have

to appeal to all parts of the community." Once described by a Tory MP as "[not] the sort of man we'd invite back to our club

after a debate", Mr Prescott has long been irritated by being caricatured as a "trade union thickie".

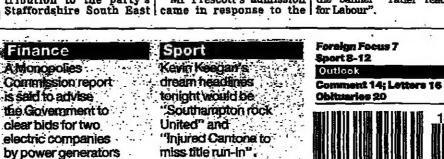
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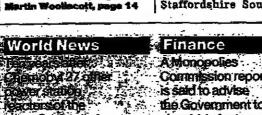
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# **2 CHRONICLE/NEWS Airport fire** may lead to prosecution

#### John Mullin

**ROSECUTORS** are considering criminal charges against maintenance workers after 16 people, including one Briton, died at Dusseldorf in Germany's worst airport fire, it emerged yesterday. They will also consider

action against the airport's management. City fire fight-ers were not alerted until 30 minutes after the blaze was discovered.

Thick, black smoke filled the airport hall, packed with 2,500 travellers and staff. within 30 seconds

Among those who died was Martin Smith, aged 22, serv-ing with the 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards in Munster. He on his way home to Tamworth, Staffordshire, on leave when he was caught in Thursday's blaze.

Seven Germans, six French, and two Italians were also among those suffocated from poisonous fumes, some while trapped in a lift jammed between floor and others in an air France waiting lounge. The youngest victim was a seven-year-old German boy the died with his father.

Most of the dead were returning from Easter breaks. Dusseldorf airport is the big-gest in Germany dealing with charter flights.

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said: "We have opened an in-vestigation for negligent ar-son and negligent killing." He was targeting a wide group of people, not only a group of welders who were working above a flower shop in Termi-nal A when they inadver-tently melted a bitumen sealant. The sealant dripped onto a false floor containing electrical wiring. The PVC-cov-ered cables began to smoulered cables began to smoul-der, giving off cyanide, chloride, carbon monoxide, and possibly dioxin. The fumes were funnelled down ventilation shafts to both the arrivals and depar-tures areas and the railway station underneath the tarmi-

Prosecutor Rolf Chanteau

station underneath the termi-nal. Thick black smoke filled the hall, packed with 2,500 travellers and staff, within 30 seconds. Passengers panicked as they saw the fumes and ignored instructions to use fir

A fire brigade spokesman said it had not been alerted until almost 30 minutes after the fire was spotted. Fire fighters took five hours to bring it under control. Investigators sifting through the gutted hall yes terday were wearing breath-ing apparatus. There was an acrid stench, and officials were keeping people well clear.

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time in five years.

Officials will focus on what modifications must be made to ventilation systems to avoid such a rapid spread of the fumes should a similar fire break out elsewhere. The airport insurer put the damage at 100 million marks

(£45 million). Dusseldorf, the largest airport in Germany after Frankfurt, remained closed. Up to 1,470 flights vere diverted.



Hans Rausing, with £2,860 million, heads 10 billionaires topping Britain's wealth list. Six were millionaires in last year's list

## **Britain's rich are getting richer**

Wealthy need £1bn | eral trend throughout the list. The rich are getting richer." to make it to the Angella Johnson

BRITAIN'S rich are getting richer, with bil-lionaires filling the 10 top places in the nation's wealth league for the first But Margaret Barbour, chairman of the company making the country set's Ian Coxon, who helped to compile the list published favourite walking jacket, comes to the fore as a very rapid riser. Mrs Barbour,

£150 million. Ms Roddick, however, has seen a decline in her fortune by about £20 million, taking her to seventh The three hard men of cin-

ema, Bruce Willis, Sylvester Stallone and Arnold Schwar zenegger, may be the names people think of when they talk about the Planet Holly-wood restaurant. But a lesser known investor in the burge chain is Robert Earl, who ac cording to the survey is set to become the first restaurant hillionaire by the end of the decade.

Mr Earl, aged 44, who ran the Hard Rock Cafe chain in Anita Roddick as Britain's i fifth richest woman. She has seen her wealth almost double from £80 million to 28.6 per cent stake in Planet Hollywood, valued after flotation at about \$300 million (£198 million).

million, has also risen spectacularly to join the top 10 bil-lionaires. From 52nd place, the Bahamian currency and art dealer is now joint eighth. The richest person, for the second time running, is Hans Rausing - with £2,880 million - who co-owns with his brother Gad the drink con-tainer company TetraPak. Gad Rausing misses the list be cause he lives in Switzerland.

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# Son tells how he ended his mother's pain

Vivek Chaudhary

Police are investigat-ing the death of an 80-year-old woman suf-fering from cancer, after her son said he gave her a morphine overdose to put er out of her misery. Alice Rowbottom disd an Wednesday after spending more than siz weeks in North more than six weeks in North Manchester General Hospital. unable to eat, drink or move without crying out in pain. Her son, Derek, aged 44. said yesterday: "I was trying to put her out of her pain. I loved my mother and I couldn't leave her like that." Mr Rowbottom said he had-been sitting by his mother's

been sitting by his mother's bed every day and was angry that doctors seemed unable to treat her and unwilling to let her rest in peace. "One day I noticed there was a booster button on her diamorphine pump and I just pressed it until the syringe was empty. Then I said to one of the nurses: "There's something wrong with this pump' and they gave her another one, and I did the same again."

A nurse spotted Mr Rowbot-tom administering the second dose and security were called. Mrs Rowbottom's morphine pump was replaced with a tamper-proof one, but the hostamper-proof one, but the hos-pital called in the coroner when she died the next day. Mr Rowbottom, whose mother was admitted to hos-pital in February and was constantly on a pain-killing drip, said the morphine had not worked and that every time medical staff turned his

time medical staff turned his mother over he could hear

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Alice Rowbottom on pain killing drip for cancer

only heard yesterday she was supposed to have had cancer." He added: "I don't regret what I did. She was in so much pain, I just did the best I could for her. I don't want to

go to prison, I just did what I felt was right." Mr Rowbottom said his wife and two sons fully sup-ported his decision. "My wife said: 'I know you have done the right thing'."

Greater Manchester Police confirmed they had been called in by the coroner to investigate the circumstances surrounding the death. A post mortem has not yet established the cause of death, but samples from Mrs Rowbot-tom's blood have been sent to the laboratory for toxicology tests

A spokesman for North Manchester Hospital Health-care Trust said: "We are very concerned about these allegations and are setting up an immediate internal inquiry in addition to co-operating



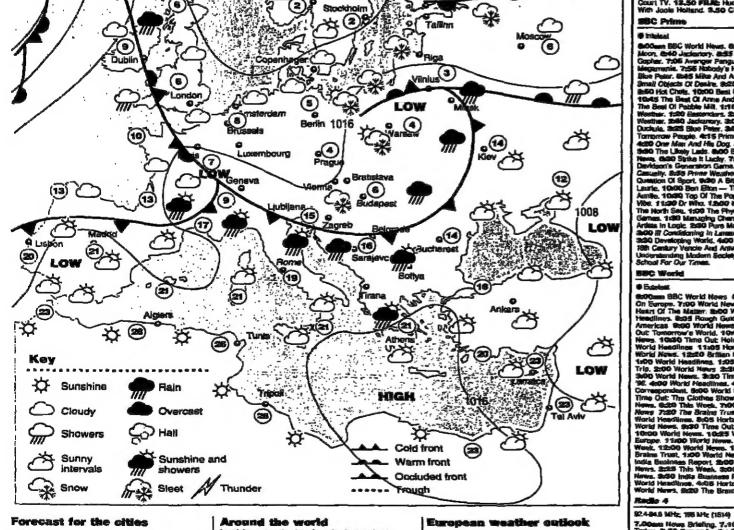
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yesterday, said that growing riches were evident through the survey. "I think it's the economy," he said. "It's a gen-replaces Body Shop founder

But while men can be seen doing spectaculary well in the annual Sunday Times sur-vey of Britain's richest 500 vey or Britain's richest 500 people, only 38 women man-aged to qualify. At the top of the women's list was the Queen, with a personal fortune estimated at \$450 million.

Joseph Lewis, last newcomer to the list with £20

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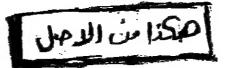
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HE Government came under renewed pres-sure last night in accept tough new disci-plines to guarantee Britain's economic convergence with the rest of the European Union, even if it stays outside both the single European cur-rency and a new EU exchange

rate mechanism. European finance ministers and central bank governors, meeting in Verona, began two days of detailed discussions about how the pound might be linked with the euro — the monetary union or the ERM. The Chancellor, Kennsth

Clarke, was told by several ministers that the pound should rejoin the ERM in the interests of monetary stability in Britain and throughout Europe after the single cur-rency is launched in 1999. Britain and Italy were ejected from the exchange-rate mech-anism in 1992 and the Govern-ment is loath to rejoin.

Proponents of a new ERM want to stop those outside from undermining the system through making national de-valuations. But there were no calls at last night's meeting for any trade or other sanc-tions to be imposed against Britain if it refuses to participate in the single currency or the ERM.

Discussion in Verona is focusing on how to get all 15 EU countries to achieve closer economic convergence. The meeting was told that there should in future be more detailed scrutiny of national economic and monetary policies for all members. The EU economic affairs

commissioner, Yves Thibaalt de Silguy, said he believed "the commission and Council "the commission and Council of Ministers should increase their surveillance of national economic policies. They should also be expected to approve any emergency mea-sures which a national gov-errament might be forced to take to ensure it remains on

track to closer convergence." He endorsed a proposal by Hans Tietmeyer, chief of Germany's powerful Bundes-

bank to have powers not only over those joining a\_single currency but also over those RU currencies left outside, to avert the risk of "competitive devaluation". On no account, however, do the Germans want a European central bank to inter-vene to defend EU currencies outside EMU against market

onslaughts. Mr Tietmeyer dismissed as "false" all speculation that the Bundesbenk was anti-EMU. But his attempted reas-surance followed a highly sceptical speech on the single currency from his bank's thisf accommit and board chief economist and board member. Other Issing Mr Issing told a Vienna confer-ence that a single currency ence that a single currency probably would not spur eco-nomic and jobs growth, as claimed by Bonn and Brus-sels. He said EU countries had wasted five years since Maastricht in failing to pur-sue the right kind of eco-

nomic convergence. Since 1991, he noted, the average EU national state debt had soared from 56 to 71 per cent of GDP. Nailing his

colours to the mast of EMU-scepticism, he declared that European integration could not only be driven by "vision-aries." It remains unclear whether

any specific penalties will be incurred by non-EMU countries which fail to com-ply with the reinforced con-

vergence targets. There is littile support for a French proposal to fine those who stray. The surveillance role pictured by Mr De Silguy for the commission and Council of Ministers would reinforce the requirement for any mea sure like this to have unani-

mous support. The Irish finance minister, Ruari Quinn, said last night that Britain, and other non-participants would "be expected to manage currency policy as a matter of the common interest of all European Union member states". Mr Clarke and the Swedish

finance minister believe they can contribute to the goal of wider European currency sta-

bank, who has made it clear Money Quardian, page 21

bility by agreeing to tough new national inflation targets.

# on Edward

### Andrew Culf Modia Corresp

HE last time a member of the royal family took a starring role on televi-sion, Buckingham Palace said smithly that the Queen did not

watch Panorana. Now the Queen and other senior members of the house-hold have had an advance screening of an ITV documentary, written and presented by a young television executive who styles himself Ed-ward Windsor. It is unlikely to send shock waves through

the monarchy. Edward On Edward tells the story of Edward VIII's abdication and the years the Duke and Duchess of Windsor spent in exile, cold-shoul-dered by the family. Mr Wind-sor, otherwise known as Prince Edward, joint manag-ing director of Ardent Pro-ductions, said: "Yes, the fam-ily have seen it, but I'm not

reticent about the two-hour programme, to be screened on April 23 and 30 and character-ised by a dearth of revelations and a leaden, clichéd script. Although publicity material claims the prince brings a rare family insight to a story surrounded by rumours and hearsay for decades, he tact-fully decided not to put a microphone in front of his mother or grandmother

mother or grandmother. "None of the royal family were interviewed," he said after a preview acreening in London. "That was quite de-liberate. I did not feel it was necessary to put them through that."

The role of the Queen Mother, said to have disap-proved of her grandson's decision to rummage around in the family's skeleton cup-board, is glossed over. The prince said there was no evidence that she had bated the Duchess of Windsor. It has long been thought that the Queen Mother blamed the Windsors for putting her hus-

band George on the throne when he was not ready. "She, like every other royal lady in the household, was put in an utterly impossible position by Edward's decision to marry a divorcee," the prince said. "The inevitable gulf that occurred has been interpreted by people to say

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Group, marking the 60th anniversary of the abdication, he said: "The duke may have been awkward, selfish and in-transigent to deal with, but there's no evidence he would

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**Royal quest** 

"Rarely this century has any story become surrounded by so much myth and legend, engen-dered such deep emotions and made or broken so many repu-

tations. This is why I want to discover what really hop-pened "- Prince Edward

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ever betray his country." Later the prince said: "I can't uncover any evidence of that, and I have tried." The prince was granted privileged access to the royal archives in the Round Tower

at Windsor Castle, including correspondence between the duke, his brother George VI his mother Queen Mary, and Sir Winston Churchill.

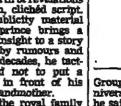
Asked whether there were lessons from 1936 for today's royals, he said: "I am not sure I'm the best person to answer that."

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### **Man held over IRA** bombings

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The man arrested was one of a number of suspects under A MAN was being held in Dublin last night in connection with IRA near-constant supervision as mainland bombing activities. a result of what was found in Anti-terrorist branch officers O'Brien's London base. It is understood that the in London hope he may be able to help their inquiries. The man, aged 26, from the Finglass area of Dublin, was

in is understood that the man is most likely to be ques-tioned about attempted bomb-ings in August 1994 in Brigh-ton and Bognor Regis, which involved attaching small quantities of Semtex explo-tioned bigmides arrested by Special Branch officers on Thursday although details of his arrest only

emerged yesterday. He is not believed to be able sives to bicycles. Shops were damaged in one of the strikes, but there were to assist the police about the most recent mainland bombno casualties. It is also understood that ing campaign involving bombs at Canary Wharf and anti-terrorist branch officers have still to decide whether to

in the West End of London. A surveillance operation had been mounted by the Irish police after the end of the IRA ceasefire.

**Britain condemns Spain for** 

**Gibraltar border checks** 

place after a Spanish civil gling took place at sea.

Irish detectives received information from their counter-parts in London after the discovery of documents in a police to arrest the man in search of the flat occupied by Dublin, suspects can be held search of the flat occupied by Dubits, suspec Ed O'Brien, the IRA bomber up to 48 hours.

BRITAIN issued a strong condemnation last night of strict new border controls

imposed by Spain on traffic at the border with Gibraltar. The checks, aimed at sig-nalling anger at what Madrid says is Britain's lax attitude

towards Moroccan drug

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apply for his extradition. "We do not discuss arrests outside the jurisdiction of the United Kingdom," a Scotland Yard spokeswoman said. Under the Irish Offences Against the State Act, used by

guardsman died in a helicop

guardsman due in a hencop-ter chase of suspected smuggiers on Wednesday. David Davis, the Foreign Office minister, called for "co-operation not confrontation" to stamp out drug smuggling. "There is absolutely no justi-faction for the rainfurduc-

fication for the reintroduc-tion of secondary checks at

the Spain/Gibraltar frontier." he said. "Disproportionate

controls and delays at the frontier do not solve the problem."

the attack. By the afternoon at least seven civilians, including four children, were reported killed in raids on villages in the south and the Syrian-controlled Bekaa valley, while one Lebanese soldier was killed and 11 Syrian soldiers were wounde

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The outlook for diplomacy is poor because Syria, which perhaps alone could bring Hizbuilah to heel, is very angry. In a vehement attack on the Israell prime minister. Shimon Peres, Damascus radio said yesterday it would be "very difficult to overcome the disastrous consequences for the verse through

humiliating one. If it does not | flow in the heart of Tel Aviv.

Americans of all descriptions love the young, the fresh, the winsome, and Tony Blair supplies all that and more. Add to that the fact that he looks like a winner, proclaimed by no less august an authority than Tina Brown's New Yorker to be "the next prime minister", and you have an almost perfect package for Yankee consumption.

Johnny Apple on an American success story

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bus blast soon siter the Dock- Prince Edward with a portrait of his great-mcle, Edward VIII, who abdicated in 1936

## Terror and chaos | French firm wins rail contract as Lebanese flee

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Israel's air force chief cially enunciated disregard warned that the raids would for civilian casualties, it is

continued from page 1 home to Syria the basic mes-sage: stop Hizbullah. A Syriam military spokes-man said later that one Syr-ian soldier was killed and premacy over the country premacy over the country premacy over the country where Syria has deployed

40,000 "peacekeeping" troops. As Beirut sees it, there is little chance of Israel backing off. Mr Peres is emboldened by the Sharm al-Sheikh "antiterrorist" summit last month and the US endorsement of his claim that Hizbullah "terror" is the cause of the fighting. With its all but offi-

seen to be changing the rules of war in south Lebanon, as laid down in the US-brokered night Israel is setting the pace. but Hizbullah lost no time yesterday in carrying out Thursday's pledge to launch retallatory rocket salvos on the northern Israel town of Kiryat Shmona. At least four Israel's were wounded as mis-sites bit the town. The outlook for diplomacy is poor because Syria, which Perhaps alone could bring Hizbullah to heel, is very

southern Lebanon. • The reply to Israel's attack on Beirut was a different maitter. "Our reply to that", he said. "will not be in the [Israeli] north, it will happen towards Morectan up to four, caused delays of up to four hours at the frontier yester-day. Long queues of cars and pedestrians snaked back from the crossing point. The controls were put in the disastrous consequences incident proved drug smug-the disastrous consequences with Israel apparently de-tarmined to keep up its offen-sive, the choice facing Damas-tion of the Deprived, said it would make Jewish blood

Rebecca Smithers Political Correspondent

The French company, which has a number of busi-NE of Britain's busiest ness interests in Britain, will Commuter lines is to be handed over to the take over services running out of Victoria, London Bridge and Charing Cross stations to Kent, Susser and Surrey — used by nearly 250,000 commuters every day. The operation covers 440 miles of track With the near French utility company Com-pagnie Générale des Eaux on a seven year contract, it was announced yesterday. The move came as a fresh

miles of track. With the new owner pledging "reorganisa-tion", there are fears of job losses among the 3,000-plus legal challenge to the Govern-ment's privatisation plans was launched by the pressu group Save Our Railways.

The owner of the new com-pany, to be called London and South Coast Ltd, admitted CGEA has just posted a re-cord Fr3.5 billion (\$437 milthat it will not provide new lion) loss, but will receive a subsidy of £85.3 million in its trains. Antoine Hurit, vice-chairfirst year -- compared to the British Rail claim for £106.28

man of the new operator, said it would spend £10 million im-proving stations and trains million. This falls to £34.6 million in 2002/03. over three years but insisted: "We have no provision for replacing rolling stock. There The announcement of an-other line passing into pri-vate sector control was made

will be some improvement in presentation, but we can op-erate them as they are." Much of the rolling stock dates back to the 1950s and ing down two years early. He

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family." • Letters showing Edward isn't the case." The prince's investigations shed little new light on the charge by some historians that the duke collaborated with the Nazis during the war. In the documentary, made for Meridian with Des-mond Wilcox's Man Alive isn't the case." Immily." I Letters showing Edward VIII's frustration at being kept away from first world war battlefields, and a silver case he gave to a "dear friend" who was later killed in action, sold for \$4,140 at auction yesterday.

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1960s and some is considered has so far overseen the priva-near the end of its life. tisation of two other lines --The French company, South West Trains and Great Western. Yesterday Brian Wilson,

both passengers groups and unions — said it is taking legal action against Mr Salmon to ensure BR is allowed to bid for contracts to run privatised lines. Labour's rail spokesman, said: "What passengers on Network South Central need The group will lodge legal papers at the High Court in London next Tuesday — the is investment in new rolling

stock rather than taking part in an experiment with a French water company runday before a major Common debate on rail privatisation. Management employee buy-out teams have been allowed to compete, but BR has been ning British rail services. The investment promised over a

seven year pariod is darisory, and it remains to be seen whether Generals Des Eaux barred. The group wanted BR to bid for the LTS franchise, which is being re-run after an can live within a declining level of subsidy while making alleged fraud. • A 20 per cent pay offer to

the profit they expect." The Liberal Democrat train drivers in a newly-pri-vatised Great Western in-The Liberal Democrat spokesman David Chidgey added: "This award takes pri-vatisation, already a black farce, to undreamed of depths. In effect, British taxpayers will be subising French share-holders. In return, CGEA have promised to meet fill million cludes a move to do away with second drivers in cabs. Employees in the train drivers' union, Aslef, will vote soon on a proposed deal, which will increase basic pay to £20,000, and raise the speed limit for driver-only trains from 110 mph to 125 mph.

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The BSE crisis has raised questions about the food we eat, how it is produced and new methods being explored by the

# Population growth feeds a world crisis

## 90m more people will this year eat into vital resources

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to get the best out of a crop, farmers usually need nitro-

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or all three. These have to be found, and then delivered to the crops at the right time,

which requires energy, usu-ally in the form of oil. Then there is water: differ-

ent crops have different needs. Groundnuts do quite

well in arid climates. On the other hand it takes 175 gal-

lons of water to produce one pound of corn grain. So for the past 6,000 years farmers have been engaged in a form

of slow genetic engineering; continuously selecting crops that best suit local soils,

water supplies and climates. But even this has accelerated

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#### Tim Radford lance Editor

HE average human in a lifetime con-sumes 75 tons of water, 17 tons of car-bohydrates, 2.5 tons of proteins and more than a

ton of fats. The world this year will acquire 90 million more people, each of whom will require the same rations of water, carbo-hydrates, protein and fats. But when the year began, world grain stocks were lower than ever before: there was food for only another 48 days in the cupboard.

The future looks largely vegetarian. Economists tend to think of food in terms of grain: for them, beef is simply so much arable land that capnot be used for crops. Food crops need sunlight, topsoil, freshwater and effort.

and wild cats. Farmers not only have to keep battling against diseases, predators and competitors, but they have to keep selecting new va-Sunlight is the only part of the lunch that is free. Topsoil mixture of soil, humus and microbes - is expensive stuff. It takes about 500 years of weathering to turn rock into an inch of topsoil. In gen-eral the deeper the topsoil, the heavier the yield, but

Farming has come a long way since horses were used to plough fields, but yields are now reaching their limit

by tractors and irrigation most efficient plants cannot convert more than 2 per cent of solar energy into carbohy-drates or protein, and genetic schemes backed by big banks, For a while, food suplies seemed to surge ahead of pop-ulation growth. Countries like India and Indonesia became exporters of food, China became self-sufficient, huge agriproviders in the US sold their surplus to up to 120 al the deeper the topsoil, ears of rice or wheat on short. But the "green revolution" but the world's oil reserves the heavier the yield, but fast-growing stems which has wilted. The first limits are expected to run out in 50 the this depends on the right required fertilisers supplied tion is on the sun itself. the or so years. The other thing

engineering is unlikely to make them do any better. The second limitation is in oil and fertilisers: between 1945 and 1995, oil use by US farmers increased fourfold and crop yields increased threefold, but the world's oil reserves

There is worse to come. The land available for agriculture is dwindling. This is in part likely to run out very soon is the supply of phosphate. This is quite often guano: millions of years of bird droppings turned to rock. World phos-phate use has been rising since 1950 by 4 per cent per year to 150 million tons a year. The US Bureau of Mines believes there is about 34 billion tons of phosphate rock left to be quarried. At present growth rates, this will run out in 55 years.

simply because of industrial-isation and the growth of the cities, in part because of pollution, and in part because of wasteful use of farmland. Badly designed irrigation schemes have increased salt levels in the soil. Or they have taken so much water from lakes and rivers that whole regions have been turned into deserts. The Aral Sea in the former Soviet Union is a classic case. Estimates vary, but one guess is that every year an area the size of the Republic of Ireland simply becomes useless. But there is an even bigger

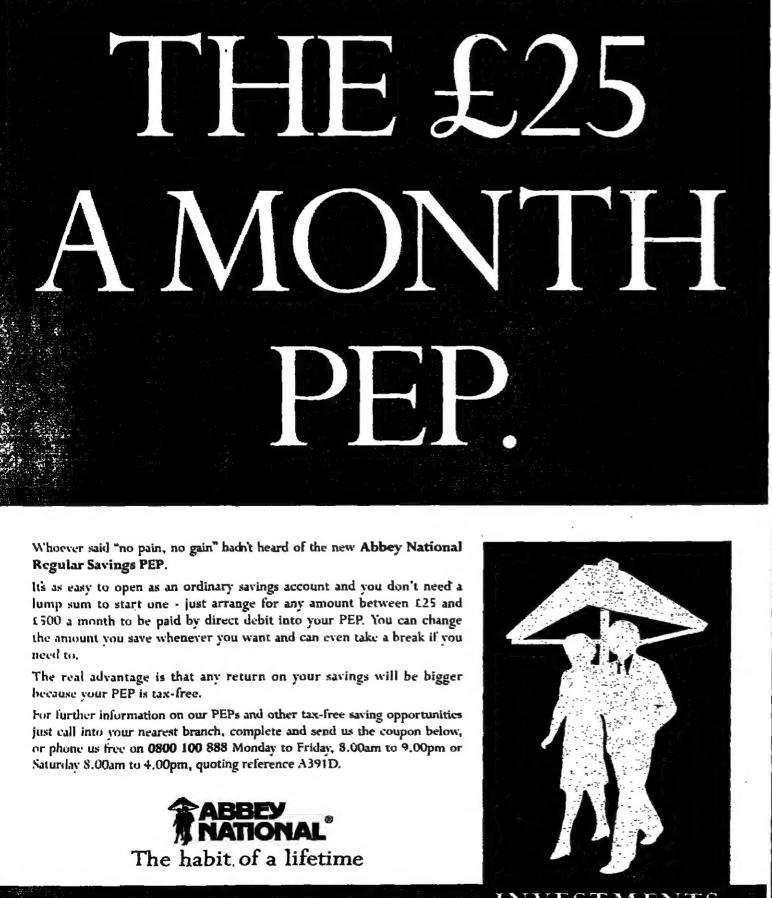
problem. Last year a team at Cornell university calculated that soil erosion was now costing the planet \$400 billion (£270 billion) in direct damage to agricultural land and indiand human health. Each year, 75 billion tons of soils are washed away by rains and floods or blown away by winds. Eighty per cent of the world's croplands suffer mod-

Superstore market forces offer mixed blessings

the planet relies on the stuff that evaporates, falls as rain. and either gets taken up by plants or runs off into the sea again. The Stanford team found two things. One is that humans — and their crops, farm animals and forestry plantations — were already using one fourth of all the water taken up by plants in a process called evapotranspi-ration. The other 10 million or more species on the planet - had to share what was left. Given that there is a limit to water supplies, topsoil, energy and fertilisers, there is only one route left. This is in genetic engineering: taking useful genes from one variety or even species and transfergenes which can be trans-

places — Europe and the US — where land practices are good, farmers lose 17 tons of topsoil every year from every bottom regions to create new farmlands. This means that old varieties and wild species of hectare. In Africa. Asia and plants are disappearing everywhere — and these wild-plants and primitive cultivars South America, the figure is 40 tons a year. On steep slopes in cassava fields in Nigeria, are just the plants most likely to hold the genes scientists have been looking for. losses have been measured at 220 tons per year; in parts of

Finally, agronomists are left with the pressures of growth itself. As nations like Jamaica, 400 tons a year. There is more than soil that is lost. In a hectare of good China industrialise, the amount of farmland available farm soil there is likely to be a ton of earthworms, a ton of arthropods, two tons of bacdwindles. As living standards in China rise, tastes change. The Chinese, too, want beef teria, algae and protozoa and more than two tons of fungi all of which recycle the nutriand beer. So grain prices rise. But beef may soon be a thing of the past for most people. ents so that plants can use them. Brosion at this rate is already hitting productivity. Right now the US diet is made But this year a group of sci-entists at Stanford university in California looked at the up of 31 per cent animal products. With even a 1.1 per cent annual population growth rate, the number of mouths to feed in the US will double by 2050. Right now, each Ameriglobal balance sheet and discovered something even more alarming. Humanity — which has increased from one billion to almost 6 billion in can has 1.8 acres of cropland to feed him or her — and pro-200 years - may soon be runvide \$155 (£100) worth of food ning out of water. Most of the exports each year. By 2050, floods or blown away by fresh water on the planet is each American wil winds. Bighty per cent of the tied up: in the polar loccaps live off 0.6 acres p world's croplands suffer mod-erate to severe erosion. In ground. All terrestrial life on per cent vegetarian. each American will have to live off 0.6 acres per capita. The US diet by then will be 85



places

ring them to another. Scientists are already doing this to make crops more pest resistant, or disease resistant, or frost resistant, and there is a huge worldwide hunt for ferred from arid-zone or saltmarsh plants into crop plants to make them grow in wasted soils. But there, too, is a catch; in order to provide food for a swelling global popula-tion, farmers have been selecting only the most effi-cient variation cient varieties, and settlers have been clearing wild



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### consistency has been far outweighed by the side ef-fects of superstore dominance. That dominance is undis puted. Superstore openings have declined since 1991 as

we buy.

**Roger Cowe** 

EE relentless advance

of the supermarket

over the past 20 years has transformed the way

we buy food, and the food

For the better, the store

chains argue, but there are plenty of critics who say that the superficial attrac-tion of greater choice and

planning permission has become more difficult to obtain. But there are now more than 1,000, of these huge edge-of-town grocery temples, while the number of smaller shops has contin-

ned to decline. The top four companies, Tesco, Sainsbury, Asda and Safeway, now take almost 50p out of every £1 we spend on groceries. Since they also sell petrol, medi-cines, stationery and many other non-grocery items, this understates their power in determining what

we eat and drink. Critics such as Hugh Raven, formerly of the Safe food allance, argue that such power has become ma-lign. "Supermarkets did deliver consumer benefits when they were only avail-able to a few of us, but as soon as they became pre-dominant they ceased to be beneficial," he said.

The main criticisms are not aimed at the food on the shelves, but at the way it gets there and the impact superstore dominance has had on society. It is arguable that the rise

of supermarket power has been beneficial for the eating habits of most people and for the overall quality of food. The best local markets are bound to be better than any mass retailer, but mass retailers are likely to ensure higher standards of food safety and probably higher quality food than most small shops and market operators. There is also a beneficial aspect of supermarket power which is often

missed in focusing solely on the relationship between shop and shopp The rise of the retailer has provided a counter-

reight to the power of the | powerful and have possibly food manufacturers and suppliers who used to dictate what we ate. For example, supermarket buyers

big and have

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centres, making it difficult for those without a car, but have the power to set and monitor high standards. the main complaint is They have been able to attack additives in proabout the less obvious by products of superstore cessed food much more efgrowth.

Mass buying power has transformed British farmfectively than consumer ing, and critics blame the They became too supermarket buyers for the disappearance of traditional products and many small growers, as well as a concentration on uniform possibly outlived appearance rather than

outlived their usefulness

Superstore dominance has

destroyed local shopping

taste and texture. While mass buying favours factory farming, national distribution sysgroups ever could. Food ampaigner Tim Lang, protems are also blamed for an fessor of food policy at South Bank University, increase in food transport and thus pollution.

says: "They were useful when they broke the power Supermarket operators dispute all these arguof the big food manufactur-ers, and in bringing pzazz and better marketing to British food in the 1960s and 1970s, but in the 1980s ments. They claim there are adequate bus services to most edge-of-town sites, and pride themselves on ef-ficient distribution systems they became too big and too and recycling activities.



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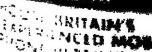
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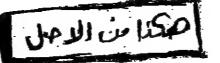


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### **BRITAIN 5**

### industry. Here, Guardian writers look to the future, and why we may have to change what we eat and the way we eat it

# **Idle farmers** reap benefit of 'bizarre' **EU** subsidies

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#### Paul Brown Environment Corre nomic Commun

courage food self-sufficiency. The EEC therefore guaran-teed prices for farmers' prod-HERE can be no other

ucts even if there was a sur-plus or imports would be cheaper — with the result that every available piece of trade that guarantees an income for doing nothing — and pays so well whether or not you are good at your job. That popular image of the modern farmer being featherland was used and intensive methods grew. When beef, butter and grain mountains resulted, the sur-

bedded by the taxpayer is true — except for the smallest farmers in the least favoured areas who most need the money.

At the Leging

Despite the current BSE problem, most farmers are laughing all the way to the bank thanks to the European. sive subsidies. The result was a 1992 Union's Common Agricul-tural Policy and the Government's handling of the

The result was a 1992 reform which meant farmers were guaranteed a much lower price for their grain, but got a subsidy for each bectare of land planted. The subsidy was higher for crops in which the EU was not self economy. As a result the price of farmland is soaring, and now fetches around £5,600 a hectare (2.5 acres) in East Anglia - £2,300 more than in 1992 sufficient, so peas and beans attracted higher subsidies

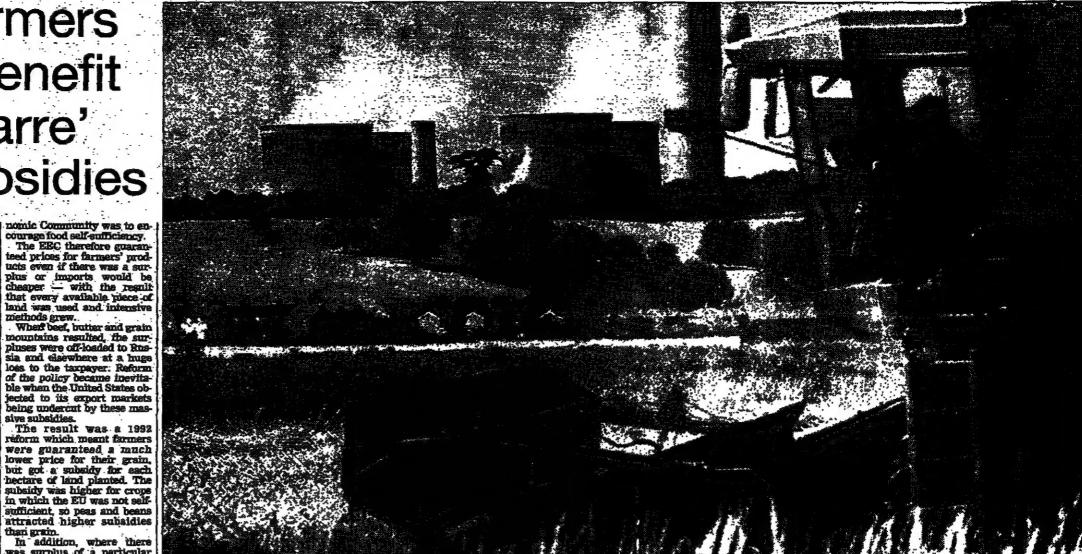
than grain. In addition, where there was surplus of a particular crop a percentage of the land. used to grow it was not planted at all. This was called certaside and former and One of the many bizarre as-pects of the subsidy system is that intensive farming, using most fertiliser and artificial aids to production, is being most highly rewarded. Farmers in most need of society's help to stay in business set-aside, and farmers got paid for doing nothing with that land.

those farming organically or hill farmers who also sefe-guard the countrysida — are least likely to be generously treated. It is this aspect of the that land. The exception was live-stock, where payments per-head of cattle or sheep ware maintained — although a cap was put on the total paymant per hectare in a vain attempt to ston operstocking. system that critics believe is behind the BSE crisis, offer-ing as it does the temptation to stop overstocking. Added to this, when Britain to use unnatural methods to

left the Exchange Rate Mecha-nism in September 1992 farm boost production. Hence organisations like the World Wide Fund for Nasubsidies rose dramaticallyas ture are campaigning to have subsidies switched from prosterling's 30 per cent devalua-tion meant subsidies (paid in ciun meant subsidies (and in ecu) rose by the same simount. At the same time global grain harvests were hit by adverse weather, demand increased and prices rose desamities to duction to care of the countryside, believing that by revert ing to natural methods farmers will make food safer. At present rich farmers dramatically.

At present rich farmers with the largest incomes get the biggest subsidies, with some 80 per cent going to 20 per cent of the biggest farm-ers. An average farm in the east of Britain can get up to \$100,000 a year from the tex-pages before selling empithes Farmers were then able to cash in on both higher subsi-dies and higher grain prices, yielding a double bonus. In-stead of farm incomes falling 20 per cent as forecast in 1992.

they rose 25 pericent. There are a huge varieties of current subsidies. Dairy payer before selling anything. This strange system sprang from fears of shortages like cows attract an annual pay-



shire, where EII subsidies foster intensive methods and the Gover

### Cash crop ... Harvesting in Nottingh A farmer's life Subsidies for livestock and growing crops, 1995 Сторя Livestock E per hectare £ per head 1. 200 269.16 456.76 355.80 520.61 Sat asid 340.94 in some areas. Beef cattle get a subsidy of £93 a head; sheep ent of £520.61. i highest David for linseed. All that is before the farmer get £21.26 a head, or up to £27 in less favourable areas. • But it is arable farmers who sells the crop — because he or she pockets that money too. But if it cannot be sold, or the

really do well: for growing wheat or barley they get an EU subsidy of £269.16 per

hectare; for oilseeds such as

land left idle, so farmers who have 100 hectares for growing grain would be paid £24,224 for planting 90 bectares and £3,409 for not-planting the

other 10. The Government, farming organisations, and most of all the green lobby, all want reforms in this system. The Government faars a backlash from taxpayers if they find out what is really going on; and farmers genuinely do not like a system that rewards in-tensive methods rather than

tensive methods rather than looking after the land. The green lobby sees hope of change in the BSE erisis. WWF campaigner Gall Mur-ray said: "The whole issue has brought into sharp focus the relationship between food. and how it is produced.

"British farmers are quite capable of producing whole-some and environmentally sustainable products. Agri-cultural polices must be changed to reflect this. Live-stock polices must be have been officed by British

**EU beef cash gamble** 

Meat trade rejects Brussels buy-up Fresh Meat Wholesalers, said the possibility of more than and banks on home market revival half the beef supplies being taken out of the system would

### **Barble Dutter**

HE British meat industry was reluctant to part with its beef yesterday, lespite a European Commission offer to buy thousands of tonnes to cushion the market

slump caused by BSE. As figures were released showing an increase in beef sales, the Federation of Fresh

eave the country short.

A spokesman for the National Farmers Union said it was astonishing and disappointing that the take-up from Britain is so low. The EU's beef management committee was yesterday also consider-ing Britain's request for higher compensation pay-ments for the slaughter of prime cattle.

European Unity or Bye Bye Brussels?

Tory MPs Edwina Currie and Tony Marlow are the guests of Vincent Hanna in the third Guardian Live Wire debats on the Internet tomorrow night from 6pm-8pm. Log on to http://www.guardian-.co.uk or send advance ques

The decision, which marked the opening of EU beef stores for the first time

in two years, aims to reassure farmers they can still get a fair price for their beef even if the BSE scare causes the market to collapse. But the low take-up rate by British farmers and proces-

commission. Figures released yesterday by the market information firm Nielsen showed beef sales rose in the Raster shopping week and were running

Meat Wholesalers said it made no sense to sell top-quality beef into storage. The EC has offered to buy 50,000 tonnes of European at more than 6 per cent ahead of the previous week's levels.

sors indicates they hope the market will revive and provide a better return than the



price falls below a certain.

level, the EU buys it anyway.

But let us not Torget set-

### **6 WORLD NEWS**

Civilians in front line of grim cross-border attrition

# **Hizbullah defiant** in face of barrage

Derek Brown in Kiryat Shmon

SRAELI warplanes and nelicopters hurtled over the border with Lebanor last night, pressing home the assault on suspected Hiz bullah positions.

At the eastern end of the twisting frontier, there was an almost continuous rumble of heavy artillery barrages. Visiting the border, Israel's

prime minister, Shimon Peres, warned that the military campaign would con-tinue — and made no bones about who would suffer most. "Unless the Lebanese gov

ernment will be in a position to take charge of the situation in south Lebanon, the cost of the lack of order will be paid, alas, by the people of Leba-non," Mr Peres said. But as Israel extends its

doctrine of collective punishment - which is already the dominant factor in the Pales-continuing to pay a price for the deadly confrontation.

resterday morning, a salvo of Katvusha rockets slammed into Kiryat Shmona, the border town which has taken the brunt of Hizbullah attacks. Four civilians were wounded. one a woman whose car took a direct hit.

In a housing estate where one of the rockets fell, caus-ing moderate damage, restdents said defiantly they would never leave the town. But as they spoke, a family just across the road was stuff-ing plastic bags into an already packed car in prepara-tion for immediate flight. \_Already, about half of

Kiryat Shmona's 25,000 Israel's client militia, the people have fled. The rest spend their days — as well as their nights — in bomb shelters. Some were in a deflant

mood. "Peres, we want a war, we want a war," a young man yelled while the Israeli leader surveyed a burnt-out car.

Mr Peres had little cheer to offer the deserted and fearful town during yesterday's visit, three hours after the rocket attack.

He said the government was not surprised by the lat-est development - that was sides undertook not to target why the people had been civilians. Now the unwritten

'As long as it is necessary. I'm not going to predict'

The Israeli prime minister, Shimon Peres, asked how long israel would pursue operations in Lebanon.

Peres is acting now as if elections are more important than peace'

### Syrian state-run radio

This vicious circle of killing will never end'

### Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik al-Hariri.

'We don't know who will give us shelter or feed us. No one is left in our village'

Hamzah, a Shi'ite Muslim driving a small van packed with 35 relatives

ordered into the shelters. Mr | pact is in shreds - with both sides accusing the other of unprovoked attacks. Peres warned that if Hizbullah thought Kiryat Shmona Israel's army commande was an inviting target, then Lieutenant-General Amnon Beirut could become an even more inviting one. Shahak, told reporters in Kir-

"We have missiles that are better than Katyushas," the Israeli prime minister said. Later, more Katyusha bar-rages landed inside Israel, in Hizbullah that its recent actions were unacceptable. the central and western Gali-

Asked if the assault was a lee districts. clearly signal-ling that Hizbullah is neither replay of Operation Account-ability, Gen Shahak replied intimidated nor weakened by Israel's mighty firepower. ominously: "Nothing will be exactly the same and nothing

Last night, as darkness fell, will be exactly different." The general stressed that the residents of the villages yet more Katyushas fell in western Galilee. in the Galilee panhandle and in the targeted yesterday had be given due warning and time to escape. Another military Lebanese border town of Marjayoun, the headquarters of source suggested that thou-sands of families had chosen South Lebanon Army (SLA). The grim confrontation is to move south, into the swathe of Lebanese territory occupied by Israel with the help of the SLA. increasingly reminiscent of Operation Accountability in July 1993, when, in the space

of a week. 26,000 Israeli A spokesman for the United bombs. shells and other mis-siles rained down on south Nations forces in south Leba-non, Unifil, dismissed the Lebanon, killing about 130 claim as "preposterous". The Unifil spokesman said that the officer in charge of civilians and driving out at least a quarter of a million the well-guarded crossing

The campaign led to a United States-brokered points into the occupation zone had reported just one understanding between Israel family opting for the dubious protection of Israel.

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News in brief

### Kantor chosen to succeed Brown

PRESIDENT Clinton yesterday named Mickey Kantor, the United States trade representative, as his new commerce secutary. He succeeds Ron Brown who died in a plane crash in Croatia last week. He said he would send Mr Kantor's name to Congress immediately, though it was unclear whether the appointment needs Senate confirmation.

Charlene Barshefsky, the deputy trade representative, is to be acting trade representative. She has received widespread praise in the past three years for negotiating trade deals with Japan and China.

Mr Kantor's efforts to seal 21 trade deals with Japan. includ-ing a politically sensitive car agreement negotiated last sum-mer, won him high praise from Mr Clinton, an old friend. Mr Kantor, who was chairman of Mr Clinton's 1992 campaign, had hoped to be his chief of staff and took the trade job after being ed over. - Render. Washington.

### Peace talks in Monrovia

SENIOR mediators from Ghana held talks in the Liberian capital forrovia, yesterday in an effort to halt the fighting and looting in

the city, delegates said. The delegation met representatives of the leaders of the main warring factions, members of the transitional ruling council, United Nations officials and members of the West African peaceseeping force, Ecomog. Witnesses said shelling of the Barclay Training Centre, the

army barracks where gummen loyal to Roosevelt Johnson, the Krahn militia leader, are holed up, subsided late yesterday morning.

Ecomog said yesterday its forces had secured a route between the US embassy and its base to facilitate the US airlift of civilians to Freetown and Dakar. More than 900 people have been flown out sofar. -- Reuter, Monrouia.

### Abiola appeals to UN mission

NIGERIA'S detained opposition leader, Moshood Abiola, urged a raised -- Reuter, Logos.

### **Ciller faces corruption charge**

TURKEY'S main opposition Islamist Welfare Party is pushing for Tansu Ciller, the former prime minister, to be impeached on corruption charges in a move that could split the new conserva-tive coalition, Islamists said yesterday. The party asked parliament on Thursday to debate claims of improper dealings by Mrs Ciller during attempts to privatise the car company Tofas, Necati Calik, a senior party member, said. Parliament will decide on April 24 whether to debate impeaching Mrs Ciller on other allegations by Islamists that she failed to prevent \$47 million (\$31.3 million) losses in a contracts auction organised by a state-run electricity company.

organised by a state-run electricity company. A senior member of Mrs Ciller's True Path Party said lack of support by Mesut Yilmaz, the prime minister, could break the coalition. — Renter, Ankara.

### **Disney targets Notre-Dame**

WALT DISNEY wants to turn the gardens around Notre-Dame into a temporary theme park featuring a papter maché medieval village, it was revealed by Le Figaro newspaper yesterday. Under the plan, which is being considered by Paris City Council, the park around the Gothic cathedral would be turned into a medieval city where tourists would be entertained by actors dressed as Quasimodo and Esmeralda — the main charac-ters in the forthcoming Hunchback of Notre-Dame film. The promotion, lasting three months from July, would end on Septem ber 25 with a European première of the film on giant screens around the cathedral.

French historians reacted with fury. "It would be a massacre," said Yvonne Reges, president of the Association for the Protection of Notre-Dame. A spokesman for the city council confirmed the ier consideratio Meetings are taking place but ho decision has been taken," said the spokesman, who was not able to confirm how much Buena Vista, the Disney subsidiary producing the film, was offering to pay. - Alex Duaul Smith, Paris.

**Fugitive banker accuses Venezuela of vendetta** 

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Caracas is pursuing a former financier in the US courts, writes **Phil Gunson** The US courts of allowed found and found on the analyse of allowed found on the castron of analyse of the castron of analyse of the castron of analyse of the castron of

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Banco Progreso. According to Mr Petit, the Venezuelan government has paid \$1 billion in compensation since the bank folded in 1994 banking collapse. "This is just the first step," says Venezuela's solicitor-\$7 billion cost of the banking general Jesús Petit da Costa.

States. Others are thought to be in Madrid. But although around 100 are the subject of legal pro-ceedings, there is little hope of prosecuting them in Venedebacle, in which a total of 18 zuela and extradition is, ac

cording to the solicitor-general's office, "almost impossible" within the exist-ing legal framework. "Honestly, I have to say it's more effective" to use the US courts, says Joaquin Chafar-

pected of illegal activities

may be living in the United

det, who worked on the strat-egy along with Mr Petit. "An abuse of the US justice 'system," retorts Richard Sharpstein, Mr Castro's attor-ney, who claims the Venezue-lan authorities are pursuing a political wandatta political vendetta. As an immigrant who fled Cuba in 1961, Mr Castro was

always an outsider to the Caracas elite who blocked his bid to join the country club. Instead of financing the campaign of Venezuela's pres-ident Rafael Caldera, Mr Cas-

seems to have been to carry out allegedly illegal banking transactions via New York. egalisms and get off scot-ree." thereby laying himself and Moreover, as a 70-year-old Oriando Castro would be en-titled under Venezuelan law his family open to prosecu-tion in Manhattan - provid-

to house arrest rather than "It wasn't the intention [to As a 70-year-old, have them expelled]," says Mr Chafardet, who admits to Orlando Castro the limitation of the Venezuewould be entitled

lan system. What is not certain, howunder Venezuelan ever, is how many other banking fraud cases could be dealt with in this way. law to house arrest

In total, Orlando Castro is charged with misappropriat-ing over \$2 billion in attempts ing that the Miami courts agree on May 3 to their extradition. to prop up his alling banks and maintain his family's jet-Some see the operation as a disguised attempt to have the

eet lifestyle. Those fugitive bankers whose alleged misdeeds took place within Venezuela may Castros sent back to face charges in Venezuela, an ac-cusation the solicitor-generyet escape the law.

In the meantime Orlando Castro -- who once owned a According to one exiled banker, "the US government could use this case as an er-cuse to withdraw Castro's visa". That, however, "would



Follow my leader ... Cordelia Grayson, a dancer with the Golden Highsteppers of the Memphis housing authority, leads the way for Robert Dole, the Republican presidential nominee, at a campaign lunch in the city on Thursday

### Effort to isolate Serb leaders

DONOR states putting together \$1.2 billion (2750 million) to reconstruct Bosnia sought ways to help the Bosnian Serbs while isolating their hardline leaders in Brussels yesterday. Commissions to cover Bosnia's 1996 reconstruction needs

Started pouring in, but the refusal of the Bosnian Serb leadership to attend made it difficult to ensure the Bosnian Serb people would enjoy any peace dividend soon.
 "We want to reach out to the ordinary people — they are not guilty of war crimes but their leaders are," said Carl Bildt, the United Nations High Representative in Bosnia, — AP. Brussels.

### 'Impure' correspondence

THE discipline and ideological purity of China's army is being contaminated by soldiers' pen-friends, the Liberation Army Daily ewspaper said yesterday. "The army is a high-level, focused, uniformed group which

"The army is a nightered, locused, uniformed group which emphasises unified discipline and strict management. There are many disadvantages to soldiers having pen-friends." said the newspaper, the mouthpiece of the People's Liberation Army. It said soldiers — mostly fresh-faced youths from the country — are easily misled about the possibilities of romance or of seeing the manual transmit correspondence.

world through correspondence. "Some soldiers become bored and dissatisfied and blindly think that the outside world is exciting," it said. — Reuter, Beijing.

Having recently suffered the loss of a cherished but — it has to be admitted — sorely abused hamster, I can honestly say that death remains the great mystery it always has, Suzanne Moore

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# Student leader shot dead in Baltimore campus feud

al's office denies.

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### lan Katz in New York

NE of America's most prestigious universi-ties was in shock yesterday after a feud between two Republican student politicians ended in a fatal shooting on the Baltimore campus. Rex Chao, aged 19, was

killed moments after being elected president of the Johns Hopkins Republican Club. His killer, Robert Harwood Jr, aged 22, was a former president of the club who had sought to

block Mr Chao's appointment. Mr Harwood, who had already completed his chemistry degree, was arrested by a campus security guard moments after the shooting with a .357 Magnum hidden in his coat. He has been

charged with first degree murder. The killing comes less than a year after a Harto block Mr Chao's election, vard student stabbed her handing out leaflets with room-mate to death then banged herself. about his former friend. | wanted."

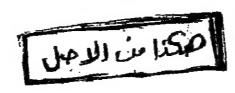
begun approximately a year ago when Mr Chao broke off his friendship with Mr Harwood. ground

"He [Mr Harwood] definitely has been acting very weird lately," said Neil Sander, a friend of Mr Chao's. "He'd been harass-ing Rex. He made a lot of nasty phone calls to him, sent a lot of obscane e-mail university.

Police did not say what originally prompted the split between the two. Mr Chao, a gifted violinist, had served as a intern in the office of the New York Banythican After both men lodged complaints, Mr Harwood, who has been living in Rhode Island, agreed to notify college authorities when he visited the cam-Republican congress woman, Susan Molinari. pus. He is understood to His mother, Rosetta Chao, spoke to him just be-fore the meeting to wish him luck. have done so before Wednesday's Republican Club meeting. At the meeting, Mr Har-wood reportedly tried hard

She said: "Music and poli tics were his love. I hats politics. I told him that, but derogatory comments it was something he

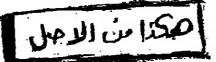
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The existence of a feud When he failed to derail Mr between Mr Chao and Mr Harwood was well known on the Johns Hopkins cam-pus. It is reported to have Chao's bid for the club pres-idency, police say he fol-lowed him from the meet-ing, shooting him once in the head and then in the

chest as he lay on the

"Our entire university community is deeply wounded by the events of last night." said Daniel Nathans, interim college pres-ident. "It's clearly one of the most terrible occur-rences in the history of the



### **FOCUS/NUCLEAR NIGHTMARE 7**

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Ten years on, the legacy of the reactor disaster at **Chernobyl** is still with us. DAVID FAIRHALL looks at the continuina dangers posed by crumbling Soviet-era power plants and, right, at the children paying the tragic price of the 1986 accident



Covered up . . . Volunteer 'liquidators' wore protective clothing to clean up the debris from the 1986 Chernobyl explosion, but two of the plant's reactors are still in service despite successive closure deadlines

UN mission

### iption charge

summit in Moscow of the G7 group of industrialised countries plus Russia, far from giving impetus to the closure campaign, is expected, in effect, to endorse its failure. At Chernobyl, the scene of the April 1986 explosion, just a few miles north of the Ukrainian capital Kiev, the Against all early expecta-tions, two of the station's remaining RBMR reactors are still in operation, sur-rounded by miles of deserted, heavily contaminated coun-tryside. Radioactive elements slowly leach into the ground water — and bence into Kiev's drinking supply — from more than 800 pits where the most dangerous de-bris was buried 19 years ago. Here, as elsewhere, succes-

disaster

years after ( a process of mutual East-West disillusionment. Those oper-ating the old Soviet-designed reactors have learned that offers of Western help are usually contingent on profit-Chernobyl, 27 other power station reac-tors of the same Soviet design, or of an equally dubious vintage, are still threatening nuclear able contracts for foreign able contracts for foreign firms — whose interference may be deeply resented. From a Western perspec-tive, as the bead of the Ger-man nuclear safety agency. Professor Adolf Birkhöfer, pointed out recently, the promise that a suspect reac-tor will be closed sometimes seems no more than an ex-A Western campaign to shut them down by political threats, financial bribes and humanitarian appeals has failed to secure a single clo-sure. Next weekend's nuclear seems no more than an ex-cuse for not spending money on immediate improvements.

> The past 10 years have seen a

process of mutual disillusionment.

Talk of closure has given way to a less aggressive policy

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There is also a suspicion that into private bank accounts. passed with no locally accept-able economic alternative in Some safety improvements The latest promise, to Chernobyl's Number 1 funded through the European Bank for Reconstruction and tracts to Skoda. Development (EBRD) are and 3 reactors in the year quietly under way in Russia and Lithuania, which oper-ates two RBME Chernobyl-3000, was made at an Ottawa conference last December. fany believe they will never theless run on until 2015. Meanwhile, the makeshift type reactors. But European firms have been warned by concrete "sarcophagus" pro-tecting the melted ruins of the their lawyers that unless the Moscow summit produces Number 4 reactor badly needs concrete assurances on accireinforcement. Building a new shroud will cost billions of dollars the Ukrainians do not have and the G7 countries show little sign of providing. The past 10 years have seen should beware of deeper inthement before restarting it last year. But with winter coming on, the Bulgarians said they could not wait. The French ad-visers pulled out in disgust. One of the few reassuring

### volvement. They could be lig-ble for compensation in the event of another disaster. Three years ago, the Munich G7 summit called for all 15 RBMK reactors to be reactors and first-generation PWRs should be shut sbut down. The summit's Ger-

man hosts were particularly vociferous. They had, after all, closed five former East German, Soviet-designed VVER pressurised-water reactors after reunification, even though they could tech-nically have been brought up to Western standards. But since Munich, even in environmentally sensitive Ger-many, talk of closure has given way to a less aggressive policy of "co-operation". That too has produced few results. Take the Slovakian

results. Take the Slovakian example. A deal had apparently been struck with French and German complete a pair of VVER-213 reactors at Mochovee, using \$1 billion (\$250 million) of EBRD credit, in return for a propries in in return for a promise to close two obcolete VVER-230s at Bohunice. But when the Slovaks looked at the sums; they calculated that electricity prices would have to rise by 25 per cent to pey for the scheme. Instead, they turned to the Russians for a much their technical assistance, and gave the engineering con-Bulgaria produced another Western disappointment. French engineers were helping to upgrade the Kosloduy station, which has four 1960s-vintage VVER-230s. Under the terms of a European Union aid agreement, the Number 1 reactor pressure vessel should have been checked for embrit-

### Russian risks

**Deadly shadow hangs over Europe** 

Western nuclear safety authoriti believe 27 Chemobyl-style

messages the International

Atomic Energy Agency's

experts are sending to the

Moscow summit is that an

nconceivable. Everyone in

the business now knows why it happened. Operating proce-dures have been tightened.

dures have been tightened. Detailed physical modifica-

tions have been made

although the Ukrainian

station, short of cash and iso-

lated from Russia, is at the end of the queue for these)

and the older RBMK reactors

are only licensed for a year at

However, after last week's International Atomic Energy

Agency meeting in Vienna to

graphite-moderated reactors, Prof Birkhofer warned that there was a residual risk of a

in the Georgian port of Kutaisi last month, they

broke open airtight contain-ers that had languished for

Two days later, they were rushed to a bospital with radi

ation poisoning, having ex-posed themselves to nuclear

world of doubts about the con-

trol of hazardous substances in

Another radiation-emitting

container was found in a nanhole that same week in

Izobilny, southern Russia. The incident rekindled

worries in the nervous region

heighbouring the Caucasus

that Chechen separatists might seek to use such sub-

stances in retaliation for Rus

sia's war in the republic. Reactor fael rods have been

stolen from nuclear sub-

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Fleet at least twice. Police sei-

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about loose controls on nuclear material,

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governments to obtain nu-

clear weapons than they are vulnerable to petty theft by underpaid workers.

that colleagues now have the opportunity and incentive to

cash in on what they believe is an international market in nu-

The persistent security

woes surrounding Russia's

nuclear weapons and reactors

are likely to be a key theme at this month's gathering in Moscow of the leaders of the Group of Seven countries, in-cluding the United States

But those involved in pre-

paring for the nuclear secu-

rity summit next Friday are

expressing disappointment

that it is shaping up to be less directed at enhancing security

than at the re-election chances

of Mr Clinton and Russia's president, Boris Yeltsin.

With the US congress in-

creasingly reluctant to help

pay to make Russia safer, the latter's poorly guarded plants

and institutes are likely to

remain attractive targets.

president, Bill Clinton.

clear material.

Atomic energy experts warn

reports Carol Williams in Moscow

exact repetition of the 1985 ac-cident at Chernobyl is almost

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Types of operational actors .................. RBMK - Chemobyl style reactors VVER - Modern pressurised water reactors (PWRs)

generative state generation PWRs

nuclear disaster 10 years ago. Speaking after a confer-ence in Vienna about the aftermath of the disaster, Angela Merkel said the amount needed to treat the affected children would be a relatively small total of £30,000, compared to the billions needed for the safe decommissioning of the Chernobyl power station. The conference heard that many more cases are expected to appear among people in Ukraine, Bielarus and Russia living downwind of the exploded

SERMANY'S environ-ment and nuclear-safety minister has comes into contact with Grand and anclear-ment and nuclear-sappealed for funds to treat the 300 children with thyroid cancer from the areas most badly contami-nated by the Chernobyl water, scattering fresh radioactivity over the im-mediate surroundings - although not to the scale of the contamination which resulted from the 1986 diester itself. This even reached Britain 1,000 miles away, as wind-blown radioactive dust was

Funds are sought

for cancer battle

washed down by rain over western hills. A decade on bundreds of square miles of sheep pasture in north Wales, Cumbria, central and south-western Scot-land, are still contaminated and subject to restrictions. Three hundred thousand sheep are affected, and have to checked for excessive radioactivity before they can be eaten.

In Vienna, the conference heard that while hundreds The final total among of thyroid cancer cases those aged three or less at apparently caused by Cherbetween 4,000 and 8,000. the incidence of leukaemia Not all those affected will was much less than exdie - probably one in 10 -but the survivors will pected. "The scientists have been surprised by this," said the IARA's spokesman, David Kyd, require lifelong treatment. The five-day conference organised jointly by the An extra 200 cases of leu-European Commission, the International Atomic Enerkaemia were forecast among the 200.000 "liqui-dators" who cleared up gy Agency and the World Health Organisation, was chaired by Ms Merkel. It heard that the makeappeared. Scientists speculated that while young children were shift concrete "sarcopha-gus" protecting the burntreactor Number 4 at extremely vulnerable to Chernobyl contains 200 tonnes of mixed nuclear fuel and irradiated debris, radiation, healthy adults might be less vulnerable than was supposed.

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age — in other words a more serious version of the incident at the St Petersburg reactor in 1992 — that could cause a large radioactive release. There are 15 RBMKs, some dating from the 1960s, still operating in Russia, Ukraine and Lithuania. Other nuclear power stations throughout eastern Europe use VVER

pressurised-water reactors Some of these were built in the 1980s; others were deigned back in the 1960s for construction in Armenia, Bulgaria, Russia and Slovakia. It is these primitive VVERs - a dozen of them - that Western experts believe are beyond piecemeal improve-ment and should be shut down, along with the RBMKs, immensely complicated machines that are inherently difficult to control. But imme-

a realistic option. The alte native is to shore up the crumbling Russian nuclear industry wherever practica ble on a commercial basis; if not, with straight injections of Western aid to fund alternative energy supplies. Last week in Vienna,

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Viktor Sidorenko, a deputy minister in the Russian depariment of atomic energy, calculated that, on average, the 59 RBMKs and VVERs each needed \$100-150 million to bring them up to scratch Three years ago in Munich the G7 countries were pre-pared to talk that kind of noney. In Moscow next week diplomatic sources sugg they intend to avoid any firm commitments. We shall just have to hope that next time a radioactive cloud rises over eastern Europe, the wind is multiple fuel channel block- diate closure no longer seems. not blowing our way.

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### **8 SPORTS NEWS**

### Cricket

The Guardian Saturday April 13 1996

### As another season makes its comic-cuts start Mike Selvey despairs as the world sniggers at our establishment approach to the game

England sidles into the spring ritual

class pers into life reveals much about the approach to cricket in

this co Worthies they may well be but, when the players of Oxford University and Leices. tershire pull on their layers of weaters and take the field at The Parks today, they will be enacting the English estab-

duce part-time internationals. England produce players, in fact, who when they repre-sent their country are no lishment's idea of the big kick-off. But, while England re-enacts its annual spring ritual, the rest of the cricket world more than cricketers on secondment when they should be at the pinnacle of their sniggers behind its back at the sheer anachronism of it all. On the other hand, the careers — surely what should be the main objective of the profile of the game here is so low in the wake of the latter part of the South Africa tour system The battle between county and the World Cup that a clandestine creep into the

and country has long been de-bated. On the one hand are ummer is perhaps all it

HE WAY the first | those in influential positions | nathetic local crowds, rides | season whim around the shires who believe into life reveals that the ills of the England on the back of revenue created from the national side. It team are in no way a spin-off is in the counties' own interfrom an archaic domestic structure - of which, inciest - and therefore their duty, however self-sacrificial dentally, university cricket is it may be - to focus the bulk just a part — that brags about being the only professional circuit in the world while fail-

Against that are those who believe, as far as the England ing to recognise that where it really counts, in the Test match arena, England proteam is concerned, that the current structure is adequate, providing enough players of sufficient calibre, and that it is at the level beyond their direct control that things tend to go wrong. Yet, whatever the views of the respective counties and

their memberships, there is probably not one so revolutionary that it would advocate releasing top players from their contracts and for the Test and County Cricket serves. It is perhaps all it those who argue velemently Board to place them under serves. That the very existence of contract instead, turning the Remarkably there are still county cricket, in an age of part-timers into international

professionals. In this regard, 1 as in so many other areas, we lag behind other countries. Last winter, before the series against England, the United Cricket Board of South Africa announced that with its top players con-tracted to them (no professional circuit there, remember) they retained the power to withdraw such players from provincial matches if they deemed it in the interna-tional interest. So Allan Donald, lacking rhythm at the start of the series, was told not to play for Orange Free State against the England tourists and instead

spent time with coaches and physiologists working towards getting things right. Similarly Brian McMillan was withdrawn from an im-portant Western Province match. The provinces comply with this as national succes is paramount.

Much the same applies to the attitude over how South Africa's players spend the winter. So Shaun Pollock young enthusiastic and full of potential - has been encouraged to use the county game to hone his skills and his stamina while McMillan, at an age when he needs recovery time, was told to withdraw from a contract with Surrey It is similar in Australia.

where some players are direc-ted towards county cricket while others — Shane Warne, for example, or Craig McDermott — have been discour-aged. Both countries recog-nise the paramount needs of the international side. The upshot is that the top

players in these countries benefit from a continuity and intensity of approach to play-ing, coaching, training and treatment that is denied English cricketers.

Instead England players would turn him down are in effect on loan for the When the Actield Commitare, in effect, on loan for the period of an international. tee eventually files its report into the structure surround-Coaching time is limited, as is authority, and once back with the county outside influence ing the England team, there

could well be a recommenda-tion that a pool of top players be given large Test and County Cricket Board coneffectively ends. Raymond Illingworth recognised the need for some fur-ther control if the team was to tracts so that, once under TCCB control they can be progress and during the winhired to their counties - a ter he asked the counties for powers - similar to those exercised by the UCBSA - to situation.

insist that a player be rested from a county match if he felt it to England's advantage Furthermore, he would have liked to have been able to say, perhaps, to Worcestershire that he would like Graeme Hick to bow! more overs of off-spin or to ask Middlesex to open the batting with Mark Permentage sh. But, although he insisted

that it would not be a power he would abuse, it was preare the board and a cosy state dictable that the counties



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Illingworth . . . turned down

along as before, with Bloggs the international turning out regularly for Loamshire un-less his technique was shot and needed remedial treat-ment. And if he did not, then there would be few who reverse of the current Such a progressive move must be in the best interests of the national side and the players and, if that is the case, it should be in the inter-

county cricket would survive at the same bland level cher-ished by those who try to block progress. England cricket, on which the counties' existence depends, would, however, have taken a giant step towards real profe sionalism and, perhaps, to a

In truth, at county level the game, if left untouched in other areas, would potter would notice in any case. But if there were change

est of the counties as well. Yet the chances are minimal. Obstacles would be placed in the way. Who would choose the players? The members will object. Why should we bring youngsters on only to lose them? The counties, as ever,

**HE Warwickshire chief** 

man joined Derbyshire and Northamptonshire officials, who have nominated

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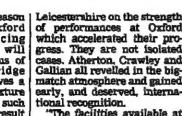
land team lacking so much confidence as the one at the end of the South Africa tour and in the World Cup. They are good players but need to have their confidence restored. We have got to get some young selec-tors who will bring fresh ideas — people who have not been so long out of the

with the chairman of selec-

# Will Kendall bats for the universities The finest

Leicestershire, will no doubt bring a chorus of complaint that Oxbridge cricket no longer deserves a place on the first-class fixture list. Cynics argue that such

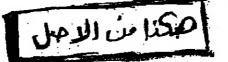
The universities cannot pretend to compete at the same level as full-time profes-



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If Oxbridge cricket were to lose its status, the first-class





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# Long trip to pay off for Avro Anson

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ORTHERN stables should make their presence felt on a top at Ascot today. The going was good at last week's fixture good at last week's fixture and Maurice Camacho, the Malton-based trainer, will be praying conditions stay the same for Avro Anson in the Letheby & Christopher Long Distance Hurdle. Beaten a head by Sweet Glow in this race two years ago, Avro Anson has shown his best form on a sound sur-face, although there was some give underfoot when he

give underfoot when he "won" the 1994 Stayers' Hur-dle at Cheltenham — he sub-sequently had first prize taken away from him in the stewards' room. Avro Anson lost his form

last season; but a spell over fences seems to have fired his enthusiasm again. He fin-ished a creditable second to Addington Boy at Aintree two weeks ago, and Camacho's de-cision to equip Avro Anson with blinkers for the first time should make life easier

for jockey Mark Dwyer. It was a swerve on the runin which cost Avro Anson the race at Cheltenham two sea-sons ago and he tends to idle when he hits the front. The blinkers can help him sharpen his act.

Silver Wedge has been tried

With the strong handling he needs from Richard Dun-woody, Silver Wedge, fifth be-hind Cyborgo in last month's Stayers' Hurdle, looks the main danger. Seekin Cash has not con-

firmed the huge promise he showed when slamming Gil-lan Cove (received 181b) in a bandicap here in February, but it is possible he has been unlucky in two subsequent

unicity in two subsequent outings. He was kicked at the start of the Stayers' Hurdle, in which he finished four places behind Silver Wedge, and probably should not have run at all

Athough Pleasure Shared has more on his plate than when beating fellow novices at Aintree, he really im-pressed in drawing seven lengths cher of Superior lengths clear of Superior Risk.

He is preferred to Staunch Friend, who will not run unless there is further overnight rain. Only a deluge would dampen enthusiasm for Avro Anson (3.10) in his bid to go one better than in 1994.

Durbam, can make it a red Newmarket trainer Stuart Williams at Warwick. She is well treated on her early form last season. Direct Route and Morceli.

in blinkers and a visor, but he wore neither when beating Putty Road and Top Spin in the Long Walk Hurdle at As-cot in December. With Direct Ronte (2.35) by running him in the Ladbroke Handicap Hurdle instead of the concluding novices the concluding novices' event, in which he had 12st. Off his light weight, Direct Route looks capable of a bold bid against more seasoned campaigners. Winner of three bumper races, the five-year-old finished a long way clear of the remainder when second

to the unbeaten Penny A Day in a hotly contested novice hurdle at Kelso last time. Direct Route has a turn of Direct Route has a turn of foot and, in receipt of a stone, can get the better of another fancied Northern runner, Tim Easterby's Thornton Gate, who returned to form with a good fourth behind Stompin at Aintree. Morceli (3.40) aften finds fences a problem, but he is a smart performer on his day and has the right man on board in Jim Culloty to take on 14 rivals in the Peregrine Handicap Chase.

the spectrum of the second sec out of the grey on this more suitable track The nap is Mystique Smile



Love tangle . . . Warrington's Kohe-Love is held by Moriarty in the early stages at Wilderspool

# Wire survive screen test

commodity these days in this | been close but the ruling was | line. Harris, who was to score region, had turned the pitch into a mudbath; Halifax had

this defeat leaves them with-the interval, the first time Forster showed all his experi-out a point after four games after 25 minutes when Sculit-ence and cumping to inter-and sharing bottom spot with orpe threw a long ball out to Workington and Leeds. Rain, something of a rare at the corner. It must have

no try. The second occasion came in the 28th minute after Hali-

far, on a rare visit to the Warrington 20-metre zone, worked the ball left via by Moriarty. Amone com-pleted the move and the action replay confirmed the validity of the touch-down. Warrington aniumed a rest

another penalty near the end, completed Halifax's dismay

first win of the season at Oldbam tonight, have ex-tended a vote of confidence in their coach and manager Dean Bell and Hugh McGa han. Alf Davies, Leeds' chief executive, said that the pair were doing a great job in difficult circum

MICHAEL STEELE

stances and financial showed the finishing skills which had earned him 12 tries in eight games for Steve Prescott returns at full-back for the leaders St

Warrington Penny: Forster, Kohe-Lovi Mast, Henera: Harris, Shefford: Hilton Masi, Henera; Harris, Shelford; Hiton, Hough, Chambers, Knott, Hiton, Southorpe, Substitutes: Rudd, Finau, arrow, J Iones. Blue Box: Umags: Ekoku, Amone, Tuliegi; Moans, Denn; h, Southernwood, Jackson,

### full-back for the leaders St Helens against Bradford Bulls with Alan Hunte go-ing to the bench. For what will be a Challenge Cup final rehearsal the Bulls will be without the injured Glen Tominson and Jeremy Donougher as well as Karl Fairbank, who is suspended.

Rugby League

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ONY CURRIE, the Lon-

don Broncos' coach,

yesterday dropped Leo Dynevor and Russell Baw-den as a disciplinary mea-sure, a courageous decision by a man who has already

by a man who has an early lost valued members of a limited squad to injury, *writes Paul Fitzpatrick*. Dynevor and Bawden, who arrived 15 minutes late for training on Thurs-der will be absent form the

day, will be absent from the side to play Sheffield Ea-gles at Don Valley. "Their excuse that they missed the bus was pathetic." said Currie. The scrum-half Demons and forward Bay

Dynevor and forward Baw-den will be replaced by

**Kevin Langer and Justin** 

Kelvin Skerrett, the Great Britain prop, will be in the Wigan squad for the match against Castleford at Wheldon Road but the club

confirmed yesterday that they are prepared to

release him. Warrington are favourites to sign the

29-year-old forward who, under the terms of his con-

tract, would leave the club on a free transfer, as he left

An unchanged Wigan will come up against their for-mer record points scorer Frano Botica, who collected

1,981 points in five success ful seasons at Central Park. Leeds, looking for their

Bryant.

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### Star Talent, who came from last to first in the final two furlongs of the Hollingbury Limited Stakes, was welcomed in the winner's enclosure by trainer Gay Kelleway who said: "I went to the Newmarket sales with my father (Paul) who made me buy this one for 5,000 guin-eas although I didn't like first time over six furlongs,

"Star Talent is owned by my assistant trainer, Jo Crowley, and I had my first "touch" in the ring here, getting 12-1 about him." Cochrane launched his

double with Bashful Brave, who was winning for the

Ascot card with guide to the form

RAY COCHRANE con-tinued his fine start to the Flat turf season with a 98-1 double at Brigh-ent (10-1) and Bashful Brave (8-1). Star Talent, who came from last to furst in the Haling bury Limited The final two furlongs of the Haling bury Limited Star Talent is owned by Calabatian and Spoon from last to furst in the final two furlongs of the Haling bury Limited Star Talent is owned by Calabatian Star Talent, who came

O'Sullivan's seven-year-old, who was ridden by Seb Sanders, made all the run-ning to score by two lengths from Bailey's

Sanset. Dahiyah, who set the pre-vious record last year, fin-isbed fifth.

ELEVISION evidence derspool last night, eague victory.

taking control Halifax scored a late try through Wayne Jackson but this defeat leaves them with-

the touchline.

ernwood's pass was destined for Ekoku but never made it.

### Warwick programme

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Super League: Warrington 16, Halifax Blue Sox 10

Cochrane stars with double

Paul Fitzpetriok

twice ruled out tries for Warrington at Wil-

An interception try by Mark Forstar six minutes into the second half changed the course of the contest after Halifar had appeared to be taking control

out a point after four games and sharing bottom spot with Workington and Leeds.

thick and fast in Super League but the pattern was very different on this surface and only eight were recorded before the interval. Harris landed two pensities for War-rington and Amone replied

with a try for Halifar. The Widness official, Mr Cummings, twice called on the "second raferes" before the interval, the first time after 25 minutes when Scuth-

Warrington enjoyed a piece of fortune early in the second half after their line had been

besieged by Halifax. South-

by landing a fine goal from Seven minutes later Warrington put some real dis-tance between themselves

Carlisle,

constraints.

### played in a dust bowl against Castleford at Thrum Hall on Tuesday. Points have been coming

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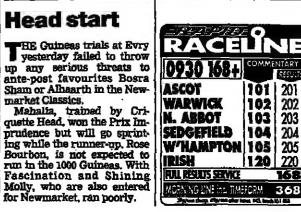
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### **10 SPORTS NEWS**

The Guardian Saturday April 13 1996



Josef Fischer, above, was the first winner of the Paris-Roubaix across the muddy and dung-coated cobbles of northern France. The German took nine hours to cover the 175 miles and won £130. Tomorrow is the centenary of L'Enfer du Nord



Hell bath no fury . . . competitors receive uniform and bowler-batted encouragement as they ride the cobbles in 1920, the second running of the race after a break during the war

# One hundred years since Hell began

William Fotheringham on the heroes and heartbreaks of the Queen of Classics

SPECTACULAR, | and hearts broken in equal bumpy and pain-ful two-wheeled | merchants of this Lille subbirthday will be celebrated in northern France tomorrow: it is 100 years since the first Paris-Roubaix, the Queen of Classics or, for the 200 participants, the Hell of the North. leroes have been made

loon tyres. The track is now a white elephant and the cloth in-dustry has been decimated by recession. Yet Parismeasure since the cloth merchants of this Lille sub-urb got together with the management of the new Roubaix has a timeless quality and a unique place in cycling. After the First World War shelling on the cobbled tracks the race becycle track to create a rival to the big events of the period. Cycle racing was came known as L'Enfer du Nord even though it was hell before that with 30 the province of "gentle-men" with handlebar miles of pavé. The 1981 winner Bernard Hinault said: "I detest this stupid race." moustaches and baggy trousers astride machines

The first race left Porte Maillot in Paris after a with gas-pipe tubes and balspecial mass to atone for the fact that it was Easter Sunday: the winner, Josef Fischer of Germany, took nine hours to cover the 175 miles and received 1,000 Fr. The race's reputation for meting out ill-luck to favourites was made when the leader Arthur Linton of Wales was brought down by a stray dog. Linton was the first of

many to curse the perver-sity of "La Pascale". In disqualified four years sity of

| 1927, after a dead heat, the judge first declared France's Joseph Curtel the winner then awarded victory, with-out photographic evidence, to another rider. Three years later the Frenchman Jean Marechal was disqualified from victory after he was accused of causing the rider placed second to crash: again there were no objec-

tive witnes Marechal always considered himself the moral win-

later for borrowing a spectator's bike after punctur ing. So too did Romain who was given Maes. second despite being the clear winner according to the photo finish in 1936.

In 1993 Italy's Franco Ballerini circled the Velodrome with his arms raised in a victory salute after the announcer stated he had won a close sprint with Gil-

take. La Pascale is capri cious: Duclos-Lassalle wait-ed 12 years after coming second in 1980 before he took his first win in 1992 and Ballerini had five punctures and three crashes in the muddy, rain-hit race of 1994, but came

back to win last year. Tommorow Britain's Sean Yates will be hoping won a close sprint with Gil-bert Duclos-Lassalle of France. Only when he returned to collect his bou-quet was he told of the mis-in the last in the

## ewcast ust pus eir luci Sport in brief British sailors poised

Ben AINSLIE scored an encouraging victory in the Laser world sailing championship in False Bay. Simonstown, yesterday. writes Bob Fisher. He led the fourth race in South Africa from start to finish but, hav-ing finished 19th in the third. ing finished 19th in the third, he dropped to third overall. Iain Percy, in the other half of the 135-boat fleet, also won his fourth race after finishing 20th in the third and the two Britons will be well placed when they discard their worst results, each having won two races.

For the second successive day conditions were difficult, with huge seas running from the south but winds of only 15-20 knots. At times the wind shifted violently and one shift enabled the defending cham-pion Robert Scheidt of Brazil to claw back seven places on the final leg of the fourth race to finish second behind Percy. Karl Suneson (Sweden) heads the points table after four races but has yet to win one. Cricket

Aamir Sohail scored 105 from 127 balls and Mushtaq Ahmed took four key wickets as Paki-stan beat India by 38 runs in the opening match of the Sharjah Cup yesterday. Paki-stan raced to 271 for five in their 50 overs and then bowled out India for 233.

#### Rugby League

The Widnes forward Andy Collier, sent off for a high tackle during his side's 46-14 defeat at Salford, has been banned for two matches and fined £75 by the RFL disci-plinary committee, as has the Dewsbury prop Shayne Wil-liams for the same offence in a 6-6 draw with Batley. The Leigh scrum-half Chris Wil-kinson, given his marching orders against Swinton for kicking and stamping, received a two-match ban and a 250 fine.

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national team taking part; the others have left for Japan to prepare for next month's European Championships. Howey, who felt she needed international competition before the Europeans, flies to join them tomorrow. **Basketball** The International Federation has rejected an appeal by Bar-

When Kate Howey competes in the British Open in Bir-mingham today she will be the only member of the host's

celona against the refereeing in the European club champi



The road to hell . . . Fischer, ceptre, in jacket and hat at the start of the 1896 race



Home from hell . . . Belgium's Rik Van Steenbergen celebrates his victory in 1948 on the track at Roubaix

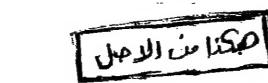
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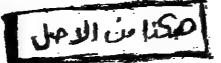
### Motorcycling

Carl Fogarty begins the de-fence of his world superbike championship in the San Marino round at Misano, Italy, tomorrow. The Lancastrian has joined the New Zealander Aaron Slight in the Castrol Honda team after winning the title on a Ducati last season.

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# Newcastle must push their luck

#### Martin Thorpe

Soccer

EVIN KEEGAN'S dream headlines tonight would be: "Southampton rock United" and "Injured Cantona to miss title run-in". But then, knowing Newcastle's recent luck, they would prob-ably go and lose at home to

Aston Villa tomorrow. Neither Saints, nor the proposed erection of a 65ft angel at nearby Gatesbead, look at meaning to Reegan's aid against the malevolent force which seems to have gripped the club and mock-ingly torn their title hopes to miccos

neces. It struck again yesterday when the growing clamour for Keith Gillespie to start a game was silenced by a train-ing accident which left the winger with a twisted ankle and doubtful for tomorrow. Whatever the line-up, New-castle must win, for a defeat coupled with a United victory would almost certainly grant the Geordies unique membership of the throwaway society, leaving them nine points

adrift with a game in hand but only four left to play. However, victory for the leaders is not a foregone con-clusion given their difficulty in knocking Southampton out of the FA Cup last month and the south-coast club's own ap-petite for points at the other

and of the table. But, again, luck is with United. They welcome back Keane, Bruce and Philip Neville while Southampton have doubts over the central de fenders Monkou (flu) and Hall (calf), plus the winger

### The crunch

SHEFTIELD WEDNESDAY Apr 13 Man City away Apr 17 Chelses Apr 27 May 5 Eventors home West Ham RWEY WIMELSDON Midellesbrough Apr 13 EWE'S Blackburn Apr 17 away Coventry-May Ş Southampton AWAY ESTER CITY Shell Wed home Apr 13

ey. But there should be recall for the fit-again Veni-son, one of five players with Newcastle links in the Sainte squad, all no doubt trying in rescue the post-Fenton repu-tation of exiled Geordies.

"I won't give up until it's mathematically impossible and won't allow the players to do so either," said Keegan. "We must believe United will eith up computer "

slip up somewhere." For it to be at. The Dell, Southampton must look once again to Le Tissier to help im prove a record of seven de ts in the last nine games And just to make their own fight against the drop a little harder, Saints' next game to at Newcastle.

'I brought the player together for a rallying call this week and it's up to them to produce the goods to keep this club in the Premiership for the sake of the support-ers," said their manager Dave Merrington, himself a boyhood Newcastle fan.

Only two points the bottom five, with Bolton and QPR improving and Cov-entry, Manchester City and Southampton stuttering. This weekend's most decisive game takes place at Highfield Road where £13 million Coventry, fresh from the trauma of Busst's injury, take on QPR

would leave either side with virtually no point believing

to "give him a big lift by win-ning", said his team-mate Paul Williams.

So tight are things at the bottom that, if Manchester City win at home to Sheffield. City win at home to Sperileid Wednesday today, their peril-ous position could look a dod-dis tonight. "My players are propared mentally and physi-cally and I believe in my own a bility." said Alan Ball. Whether City fans will if they go down remains doubtful. Bolton are still believel. Bolton are still bottom de-

six points from a possible 15 messed to secure promotion to the Premiership, he should spits taking 16 points from the last 27 because they maner Colin or "three But today his Sunderland side face a tough game at Bramall Lane, where Reid's friend and mentor Howard est Ham Kendall has performed mirthin our acles to take relegationeraiding threatened Sheffield United scape of not only to mid-table but within striking distance of the play-offs. Both went through bad atches after their successful double act of manager and player, then player coach, at Everton in the Rightles; and, later still, manager and player-coach at Manchester City. City might not be strug-gling against relegation today had Keodall, whose reputa-tion then was so high he was linked with the England job, not been tempted to try to repeat his successes at Ever-ton. His departure in 1990 left at unhappy ship and Reid, arbo become player management who became player-manager, was sacked four games into the 1993-94 season.

Kendall, who had a short spell in. Greek football, returned to a disastrous 79-

day stay at Nots County last season before re-organising his life and taking over the Blades from Dave Basatt in December: Only weeks before he ar-rived Sheffield United were so broke they could not pay the

points from the last 21 games that they earned in the first 21, and they also removed Arsenal from the FA Cup. "We drew a lot of games at

first and it was worrying be-cause teams below us had games in hand," said Kendall. But we made a lot of changes of those first few weeks and now we are managing to settle things down." He is trying to persuade Ian

considerable improvements in the squad. If we don't strengthen it, then we will struggle from the start. It costs an awful lot of money to

stay in the top league, let alone make an impact in it. "When we played Liverpool earlier in the season, Stan Collymore and Jason McAteer were on the bench and that was £13 million's worth of talent. I didn't even bother

# SPORTS NEWS 11 Death dues charged to Collymore

tom of the ICIS Premier Division; Portsmouth in First Division relegation

trouble; Southampton in Premiership relegation

trouble; Dorchester in the relegation zone of the

THE anguish of being a Leeds supporter has ob-viously gone to their heads. Or something has. With the team's form showing the

steadiness of a herd of BSE-riddled cattle, last Satur-

day's defeat at Arsenal

seems to have tipped the loyal Leeds fans over the

edge. For in the face of yet another defeat they started singing: "We're beef and we're proud of it." Then, revelling in the madness of their newly adopted status,

they regaled Arsenal fans with the ultimate insult:

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### Soccer Diary Martin Thorpe

KEEGAN maybe as sick as a parrot but one New-castle supporter has writ-ten to Stan Collymore blaming him for killing his budgie. "He owes me big time," says Dominic Hourd. "He can't bring Peter back "He can't bring Peter back but Itold him I couldn't for-give him for what he did and, if be's game for a laugh. I want an item of his to auction for charity in

repayment." The feathers first flow in injury time of the recent classic between Liverpool and Newcastle. Dominic and his friend Peter Phillips were watching the game in the living room and, when Collymore scored Liverpool's late win-ner, they kicked out in frustration and accidently knocked the budgie's cage

"He looked okay," says Dominic, "but when the game finished we looked again and realised he was dead. It was very sad." Since the local paper ran

A PPARENTLY Howard Wilkinson had to take some terrible abuse at the story Dominic has been home last week but eventu-ally agreed to go to the garmundated with people offering replacement budden centre. gies. "I could have had about six by now but I've turned them all down."

No budgie can replace Peter, who has recently been laid to rest in a local park — not St James' — and his cage given to charity. "Anyway," says Dominic, "if I did have another bud-gie and Newcastle kept los-ing. I could become known THEER has been a little friction recently be-tween the Hartlepool man-ager Keith Houchen and his reserve goalkeeper Brian Horpe. It came to a head last Saturday when the pair argued on the pitch after Houchen blamed Horne for ing, I could become known as a serial budgie killer." the error that gave Gilling ham their lead. Horne will be fined. An over-reaction?

Not quite. "Nobody grabs me by the throat like that OKAY, Graham Fenton's Newcasile-daft mother and sister were in the during a match," said Houchen afterwards. **Ewood Park crowd last** Monday wearing black and white scarves, and Fenton STRANGER than fiction. David Speedle, one of the modern game's most inscored the two late goals for Blackburn that effectively scuppered Newcas-tie's title hopes. And what did he say? "I hope if didn't spoil their day."

disciplined players, wants to go on an FA course to be-come a referee. And what would Speedie the ref tell Speedie the player? "I would tell him, 'shut your HKRE is, it seems, a danger of the entire south

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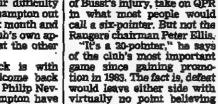
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Cynthia Bateman on the progress being turn in fortunes that has seen United obtain double the moted, there will have to be made at Sheffield United and Sunderland

Simply Red and White, the group whose record Cheer Up Peter Reid is at No. 41 in the charts, are hop-ing it will soon be in the top 20. Reid is hoping to be in a top 20 himself and, with only diverging from a possible 15

on a rising tide of fortune

Well suited . . . Reid is led from the Wembley pitch by Kendell after Everton failed to stop Liverpool's double in 1986, loging 3–1 Kendall and Reid meet again

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and already has the former new chairman and board, and money for transfers, Kendall Liverpool midfielder Don has taken United from second Hutchison at the club. Bolton's Mark Patterson was from bottom to a position of raded for Nathan Blake and,

hope in four months. "I have had enough successes not to jump straight back in at the first offer I got, in all, Kendall has only slightly overspent on his budget. Reid, who has been prom-ised £10 million for players if and there was a similar job of Sunderland go up, insisted that he needed the money to offer at the time. But this was

the one I was happy to accept. I sensed this was the right win promotion but his net outlay has been less than one at the right time. £1 million. Success has come thanks to his ability of per-"Mike McDonald had come in as a new chairman, there were already good players here and there was scope for

trains to his ability of per-suading other managers to loan him players, to his per-ception in seeing where play-ers might be more effective and to capitalising on youth. But he has warned the parts back bound and the ine in the transfer market. "It was spelled out when I arrived that just staying in this division would have counted as success for us this season. But I didn't just sign Roker Park board and its wealthy chairman Bob Murplayers to get us out of trou-ble. I wanted players who would help us progress and challenge in the future." ray that, if Sunderland are promoted, they must be pre-pared to pay to have any

who is to remain at Prenton

Park in an advisory capacity at a troubled club five places off the bottom of the First Division.

"It hasn't really sunk in

yet. In football you have to

be big enough to accept things like this," admitted King, one of the game's most respected elder states-men, who took over for a second spell exactly nine

chance of staying up. "The players have per-formed magnificently," said He has signed nine players with his 24 million transfer

have scuffled around and got a couple of players on loan and they have done tremendously well for us. But you can't do that in the Premiership. It's about good players

as well as good management." Reid has taken something old, something new, some-thing borrowed and some-Final tickets thing blue. He has the veteran defender Richard Ord as club 'given away' captain, and in goal the talented Shay Given, 19 and on loan from Blackburn, to by McCarthy whom he returns next week.

HE Republic of Ireland manager Mick McCarthy, banned by the Football Association this week from The "something blue" is the ex-Evertonian Paul Bracewell, Reid's assistant whose career has been dorzed by injury. Yet he continues to play despite having to sit with his swollen feet in ice after every match, and with the prospect of the 15th operation of his career in the summer. receiving Cup final tickets for 10 years, claimed yesterday that he was an innocent vic-tim of last season's scandal. Two Norwegian fans paid touts 250 each for 250 ticken of his career in the summer.

for the Wembley match be-tween Manchester United and Bracewell's inspiration is invaluable to the side, who Everton last May and they were traced back to McCartby as part of his allocation of uso rely on the experience of Steve Agnew, the former Barnsley and Leicester midfielder, and the striker Paul Stewart, picked up on a free four at Millwall, where he was then manager. McCarthy said yesterday:

transfer from Liverpool. In reserve he has the 17-year-old Michael Bridges, "I am bitterly disappointed. I gave the four tickets to a well year-old michael Bridges, picked out by the scout Jack Hixon, the man who spotted Alan Shearer playing for the same Wallsend Boys Club. If they win promotion, and if Middlesbrough take anrespected friend of mine at face value and he told me he had attended the gams with another friend and their

Aldridge has agreed a two-year contract, one which will allow him to ap-point his own backroom staff and which will see him combine the roles of respective sons. I believed him. num combine the roles of manager, coach and player. "I intend to carry on playing for as long as I can," said Aldridge, who takes over at a club around other four points to stay in On the playing front, the the Premiership — beither very big "ifs" — then the North-east could have three teams in the top flight for the Manchester United mid-fielder Roy Keane was last night suspended for one match by the FA of Ireland, first time in 42 years. Kendall is equally determined that the city of Sheffield will have two. raling him out of the clash against the Czech Republic in Prague on April 24. He was sent off in the closing minutes of the 2-0 defeat by Russia in

everything our players have

done this season but, reading the papers, you'd think it had.

coast slipping away. In geographical order: Dover are second bottom of the Conference; Brighton second bottom of the Second Division and 10 points off safety; Worthing six points adrift at the bot-

### Huddersfield sack striker on drugs ban

UDDERSFIELD yesterday sacked their 25-year-old striker Craig Whitington following his ban by the Foot-ball Association from all activities connected with the game until November 1. He was found guilty of misconduct after two separate dope tests showed traces of

cannabis. The First Division club's decision to get rid of Whitington, who had made only one first-team appearance since his £25,000 move from Scar-borough in the 1994 close-sea-

son, was announced by the chairman Geoff Heady. The player's contract was due to expire in the summer. "Given the support pro-

vided after the first positive test in March 1995, the club feels extremely disappointed and badly let down by the actions of the player," Heady said.

"In the absence of a satisfactory explanation, and hav-ing considered the weight of the medical evidence pro-vided at the hearing, the club

into the Guinness Book of Records for the worst run in history, returned to form by los-ing 8-0 to Trowbridge Town

Poole had won their first point of the season with a 0-0 draw against Bashley to avoid suffering a world-record 40

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Dublin last month.

LOOKING at the old video clips now it is a source of amazement that the outstanding left foot of this amiable Yorkshireman was apt to be taken for granted when it was not being overlooked. For 14 years he faithfully plied his craft under a clock, winning 17 international caps. He then retraced the conqueror's footsteps before tarrying briefly by the Tay. Last sea-son he emerged from retirement, waving his pension

book

feels it cannot continue to em-ploy Craig Whitington." Poole Town, who last week escaped an individual entry in a midweek game. defeats on the trot.

Performance of the week: Graham Fenton (Blackburn Rovers), who came off the bench at Ewood Park on Last usek: Jimmy Rimmer (Manchester United, Arsenal, (Manchester United, Arsenal, (Manchester United, Arsenal, (Manchester United, Arsenal, (Manchester United, Arsenal)



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Gierm Hockite Jacks Hawly to effect with five Chalases side that lost at Bollont on Moodary while Leads will again be without their leading scorer Tony Yaboosh (invel), who has been out for four calches. The de-tenders Nigel Worthigton and John Pem-berton are back in contention. Covenity v QPR ew (trackgred ch pacted to ratura, watering a grandway match, to boost Covenby's detence which was his whon David Baset broke his lag on Monday. Rangers will select from a tul-strength squad, the midfleider Elmos King City v Sheft Wed

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at Londe with a harmotring injery, could rearm for Forest, whose manager Frank Clark most also decide whether to recall Des Lytte at right-back. Blackburnt Ray Harford will roske a late decision on whether Gratuem Featton with get the channot to follow his two-goal blast against Newcastle from the star. Rovers with the without Garry Filteroft, who starts a three-wath the

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**Celtic's 10-year reminder** that it's not over till it's over Patrick Glonn TOMMY BURNS, the Celtic manager, has been giving

> Celtic team he played for won the title with just minutes of the season remaining. It was in the 63rd minute at Dens Park that Albert Kidd of Dondee scored the first of his two goels that beat Hearts and Bowed Celtic, 5-0 winners at

St Mirren, to take the champi-onship on goal difference. Burns insisted that his team's failure to capitalise fully on Rangers' defeat by Hearts on Wednesday -

26 million in debt and with no money available for new

Road, 24 hours after Rangers

with seven minutes to go. It's worth remembering."

meet Partick at Drow. "This time last week we were five points behind and now we're four," Burns said. "One result like ours against Kilmarnock doesn't cancel out

Celtic could have their midfielder John Collins back in the squad after a three-week absence through injury but Rangers have problems for their meeting with the league's second-bottom club. Ally McCoist is "touch and Hearts on Weansours Celtic only drew at home to Kilmarnock — should not be cording to the manager Wal-ter Smith, and the defender ter Smith, and the defender ter Smith a strained group, we be ter Smith a s

reason for despair. Tomorrow they face Hibertian at Easter Gordan Petric appears to have little chance of playing

We've set standards here that haven't been seen at this club his players a daily reminder of the day in 1986 when the for almost a decade. "Nerve and desire will be more important now than skill and systems ... But I tell the players every day about 1986, when we won the league

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THE MASTERS: SHERRY, TORRANCE AND LYLE FAIL TO MAKE THE CUT



The first cut is the deepest . . . Gordon Sherry at the 2nd hole yesterday on his way to scoring 77, a total of 155 bringing a premature and to his first Masters PHOTOGRAPH: I

# Floundering Scots on the rocks

David Davies sees some illustrious names make an early exit at Augusta

HE high hopes Bob teaches Sherry, also more. entertained by the missed the cut, after a 71 for "I played better than the tallest player in 151, and the 1968 Masters scores suggest but the greens

make the cut, said: "That was my worst experience on a golf course. I haven't had scores like those for four years or

here out the fear of death into

you. Maybe, though, it'll

as the only British amateur to | greens and being five over. Other notables likely to miss the cut included the US PGA champion Steve Elkington (155), the defending chammore. "I played better than the scores suggest but the greens pion Ben Crenshaw (151) and the American amateur cham-pion Tiger Woods (150). The

well," he said. "I knew that I kept patient things would happen." The Australian then single-putted the next three greens, birdied them all and told himself that three under at the turn could quite easily become six under at the

"When you get into the type



# The back end of a quandary for Venables



David Lacey

**T IS safe to assume that** when Terry Venables an-nounces on Tuesday the England squad for the friendly against Croatia at Wembley on Wednesday week the principal point of discussion will concern the chances of Robbie Fowler starting his first international, having appeared briefly as a substitute last time.

Fowler, who was 21 this week, is widely regarded as the most natural English goalscorer since Jimmy Greaves, and the man to win England the European Championship. It might just turn out that way but no one can judge Fowler's England poten-tial until he has had a run in the England team, and there are only three full internation als left before Buro '96. As yet Powler can barely have an inkling of what inter-national football is about. He did, however, get a bint after coming on for the last 13 min-utes against Bulgaria. Steve Stone played him in on the right and there seemed to be plenty of space for Fowler to swing in towards goal. In fact he barely had time to weigh his options be-fore Tribon Ivanov swept the ball from his feet.

This seldom happens in the Promierahip. Fowler does not have the explosive speed of Gary Lineker but he is quick enough and his early anticipa tion of scoring opportunities is too much for most of the defenders he meets Most of these defenders, noreover, do not rate interna

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fence backed by solid goal-keeping. David Seaman should give Venables the lat-ter in June but nine clean sheets in 15 friendlies have tended to obscure uncertainties at the back which may yet arise. to England's cost. It is partly a problem of manpower, but a lack of true international quality also comes into the equation. Tony Adams and Gary Pallister are still not fit and Gareth Southgate has joined the longer-term casualties. Venables had already lost Graeme Le Saux, his first-choice left-back.

Should a similar situation arise the likely replacements are only mildly reassuring. Stuart Pearce and the Neville brothers might give Venables what he wants, Phil Neville being potentially the nearest English equivalent to Ger-many's Christian Ziege.

There should be. Few teams have ever won anything of significance without a sound de

Mark Wright or Ugo Ehlogi would be more of a risk. throwing defenders like Michael Duberry and Dean Richards straight Into a major tournament would be asking for trouble and, when Asprilla dribbled past Neil Ruddock 10 days ago, one was reminded that there must have been a similarly definitive moment when the horse finally gave way to the motor car.

HILE outstanding attacking football has contributed to the recent excitement in the Premiership, cheap goals have helped as well. In Euro '96 the price of goals will increase, along with the cost of defensive errors. Memories of Dublin last ason have become suffused by images of the crowd violence which caused the match to be abandoned. But the case with which the Irish attack pierced the England defence hould not be forgotten. When, in the 1966 World

Cupfinal, Ray Wilson headed a centre from Held straight to the feet of Haller, who gave

don Sherry, plummeted yesterday in the second round. The 6ft 8in Scot comnieted his amateur career with a round of 77 to go with his opening 78, to miss the cut by a wide margin and said, on leaving the course: "I am now

was, of course, deeply disappointed to have scored so poorly but he was not alone. poorly but he was not alone. when he came here was to was always struggling after Sam Torrance, whose father match Peter McEvoy's record missing five of his first six

modern golf, Gor-

of nine Europeen Ryder Cup-pers playing, had a 75 for 153 but Bernhard Langer, despite manage the course better next time. missing a putt of only 18 inches at the short 4th, got round in 70 and, on 146, and a professional." with the cut looking likely to The Amateur champion be one or two over par, should survive.

champion Sandy Lyle joined

the Scottish exodus with a 74

for 149. Costantino Rocca, one

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trap, common to many first-timers, of going for the pins. As a tactic this is like a motorway, fine if it works, but exceedingly dangerous Sherry, whose ambition when it does not and Sherry when he came here was to was always struggling after

stand me in good stead in the sastrous 78 in the first round, long term. I'll be back and I'll was 10 shots better yesterday and his total of 146 left him sweating on where the cut's aze would drop. Sherry fell into a simple Greg Norman's last, waking thoughts on the eve of the

tournament were of synchro-nising his lower-body turn. Hardly romantic or, for that matter, religious but, as it led to him equalling the Augusta National course record with a nine-under-par 63, it could start a trend.

"I like to think about my

swing at night-time," said Norman, "before I go to bed. I

like to feel in my mind how l

want to be the next day. My coach Butch Harmon and I

because sometimes your swing is good, your playing is good, everything is good but you're not synchronised."

But Norman, on Thursday,

could hardly have been more

synchronised. The day was perfect for low scoring, with

bright sun and light breezes, but the course defended itself

with greens that started fast

and then, towards the end of

the day when Norman was

playing, got hard and crusty as well. Norman needed 27

putts on them, a high percent-age when scoring as low as 63

and a tribute to the remain-

Norman himself rated it among the top rounds he had ever played. "On a scale of one to 10 I'd give it a nine," he

He placed it marginally behind the 63 he did in the third round at Turnberry when he

won the Open there in 1996 and a little further behind the

54 be did in the final round at

Royal St George's when he won the Open again in 1993. "That Sunday at St George's

as, well, the Sunday of the

British Open and everyone was gunning for the win." Thursday's 63 was remark-able in that after six holes

Norman was still level par.

"But I knew I was playing

der of his game.

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pre-tournament favourite

Fred Couples, who had a di-

of roll that I got into today,' he said afterwards, "it feels very comfortable." Part of Norman's motivation was the fact of playing a

Finish

couple of practice rounds with Woods, who is amaz-ingly long. "Figer was proba-bly hitting it past me by 50-60 yards.

"I felt like you would proba-bly feel if you were out there with me. It makes you feel in-ferior in your ability to hit the ball.

"But before the first round I began to hit the ball well on the range and then, when I

crushed my first tee shot ove

the fairway bunker and only had a wedge into the green, I

knew I was ready to play.

of 250 yards and has twice de feated Lyle this week.

Norman, of course, has never won a Masters but he

lost one in a play-off to Larry Mize when the latter chipped

in, outrageously, at the

second extra hole, the 11th. He has also contrived to hit

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problems lie. The argumen about the relative merits of the strikers, and about who can best play with Teddy Sher ingham, will persist, along with doubts about Paul Gas coigne's staying power and the case for giving Steve McMenaman a broader role. Yet there is little debate about England's defence.

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sent to the first five correct entries drawn. Entries to

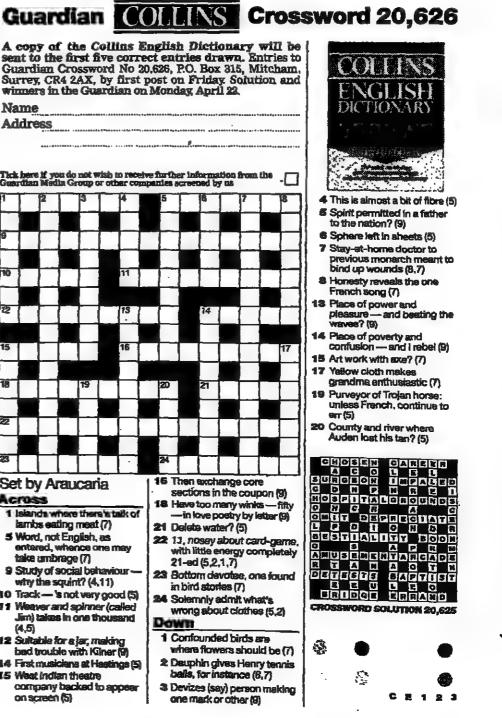
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st Germany the le where the nub of England's bley could hardly believe its eyes. England defenders, and Wilson least of all, simply did not make such errors.

A similar rarity value at the back would help Venables no end this summer. In the meantime Croatia can do England a favour by producing at least the semblance of an attacking performance. Better, surely, to know the worst now.



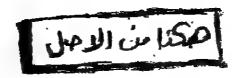
laus won. The Australian needed a par at the last to force a play-off but his second sailed miles right into the The question now arises of whether Norman can turn a great start into a winning finish. Augusta Nationa Card of the course Out 3465 36 In 3460 36 Set by Araucaria 6,925yds, Par 72 Across 1 Islands where there's talk of lambs eating meat (7) 21 Delete water? (5) 5 Word, not English, as tered, whence one may Stefan Popovich was not the take umbrage (7) 21-ed (5,2,1,7) 9 Study of social behaviour only victim of last weekend's why the squint? (4,11) in bird stortes (7) 10 Track — 's not very good (5) community has had to watch 11 Weaver and spinner (called Jim) takes in one thousand its efforts to break free from a Down (4.5) sleazy, fear-ridden reputation 12 Suitable for a jar, making bad trouble with Kilner (9) 2 Dauphin gives Henry tennis balls, for instance (6,7) 14 First musicians at Heatings (5) 15 West indian theatre company backed to appear on screen (5)

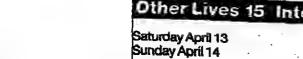
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Tony Blair's US visit has turned into Bill and Tony's excellent adventure as they talked like twins separated at birth. R W APPLE witnessed their Washington nuptials

# Blair is the bride of Bill

States than American grandecs, especially presidents, do in Britain.

**Only Margaret Thatcher** among post-Churchillian prime ministers, with her out size personality and unwavering self-assurance, has achieved anything approach-ing real celebrity in the States. Not one American in a mmdred, I would wager, could name any of John Major's ministers, and two out of three of my compatriots could probably not even name John Major usiced to identify the present prime minister. If his three-day romp

T IS one of the harah reali-ties of what was once called the "special relationship", that British political figures cut less of a swathe in the United and more. Add to that the fact that he looks like a winner, proclaimed by no less august an authority than Tina Brown's New Yorker to be "The Next Prime Minister" and you have an almost perfect peckage for Yankee consum tion. People magazine, Peoria's answer to the New

Yorker, gave Blair four pages and a dozen pictures and cele-brated his fundness for rock music and the fabled New York toy emporium, FAO Schwarz. Just the right kind of crowdpleasing stuff: Blair has received pleasy of

national exposure, and not just in the magazines. Both the



United States, however besid the point they may seem to Europeans, the overriding question about both men is whether they really stand for whether they ready stand the anything. Both are accused by their opponents and by some more dispassionate observers of singing right-wing songs to conceal left-wing hearts. I was struck by Tony Benn's assertion that both of them are "far nore concerned about the next election than the next genera-tion", which reminded me how bad Benn and his American counterparts were at win-ning elections and thereby gaining the power they craved to help the future generations. Blair did his best to put doubts to rest, telling Ameri-

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cans what they surely most wanted to hear: that the US and Britain needed to work in tan-dem, not only in Bosnia but also in Northern Ireland, that Britain must not unke a false choice between Europe and America but must embrace both, that neo-isolationism is as much a danger in Britain as in the US, that Labour wanted

not to run companies but to help them succeed. Pat Buchanan would have hated it, but then Pat Buchan an wasn't invited to any of the parties.

On matters economic, Blair made a special effort, paying more attention to bankers than to union big shots. Wall Street, which considered some of his predecessors unsound if not downright loony, was for the most part reassured. After a breakfast meeting sponaored by Henry Klasinger, Felix Ro-

**Clinton finds** Major dull and Blair interesting -Major tediously conventional and Blair adventurous

hayin, the philosophically in-clined head of Lazard Freres, said he had been impressed. "He struck me," Rohayin said, "as a modern politician very conversant with modern capitalism, its problems and the lack of obvious solutions." The only really negative comment I heard from those who met Blair this week was he suggestion that he was perhaps too silky by half. Not very surprisingly, it came mostly from people who tend to call the President "Slick Willy". Those more favourably disposed to the President put the matter more obliquely. "A 111 tie lacking in gravitaa," said a megalawyer, "like the young John Kennedy --- but he's smarter than Kennedy was, I think." Whether Clinton's and Blair's electoral fortmes are closely linked, as was widely suggested this week on both sides of the Atlantic, seems questionable. It is argued that if American voters are pre-pared to accept the 72 year-old Dole, who offers diligence and experience in place of innovation and excitement, British votars will be more inclined in stick with an old hand, too. In fact the two countries have often produced a certain political parallelism; in addition to Reason and Thatcher think back to Harold Wilson and Lyndon Johnson, both elected in landslides in 1964, both domestic innovators, both devious and politically adept. But if polls are to be believed, Major and his lot are much less popular than Dole and his party, remember, the Republi-cans won a massive victory in the Congressional elections less than 18 months ago, and despite Newt Gingrich's mis-steps, much of their agenda still strikes a resonant chord with the voters.

through New York and Washington this week is any indication, Tony Blair could change that in a hurry. Not that he himself came with any mistaken assumption that people would be swooning over him in the streets

"I had a vision when I sat down on one of your television shows," he told a gathering of Washington's near-great and pear-good at Lutyens' magnificent pile of an embassy on Thursday evening, just a few minutes after he learned of Labour's victory in the Tam-worth byelection. "I thought the interviewer would ask me: When does the film come out, then?' That's what's expected of British visitors." General Colin Powell, one of those on hand, loved it, and so did the other audiences that Blair en-countered during his transatlantic coming-out party.

Everyone was ready for something a little better from Britain, which has been represented in the American mass media lately mostly by the Dunblane massacre, the deter oration of the situation in Ulster, and the Royal divorce. That and mad cow disease, which provided almost as many jokes as Bill Clinton's roving eye at this year's Gridiron dinner, the annual insid-

ers gathering where reporters pretend to love politicians and vice versa. Of course, the East Coast Es tablishment --- politicians, fi-nanciers, big-time lawyers, journalists, academics — has always had a bad case of An-glophilia, and that hasn't changed s bit. Its reaction is not necessarily that of Middle

Washington Post and my own newspaper, the New York Times, ran substantial articles heralding the visit, which is unusual; kings and prime ministers come through Washington all the time without rating a line of type, and leaders of

the opposition are usually conskiered about as newsworthy as tax accountants. In addition, there were tele

vision appearances, a well-attended news conference at the National Press Club, chais with editorial boards and meetings with Vice-President Gore and Boutros Boutros-Ghali, George Soros and the avancular lan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal

Only Bob Dole and Newt Gingrich, the Republican lead-ers on Capitol Hill, turned cold shoulders, just as Ronald Reagan did when Neil Kinnock visited in 1987. Bill Clinton and his consort, Hillary, clearly have found soulm he in his fellow Oxonian, she in Blair's wife, Cherie Booth, a

colleague in the law. Hillary showed up at a reception given for the Labour leader by Sidney Blumenthal, author of the adoring New Yorker piece, who gained a measure of infamy among his peers for the equally adoring nieces he wrote about Clinton our years and. The President, meanwhile, welcomed Blair to the

White House with the kind of eruberance (and the attendant flood of words) that he seldom lavishes on overseas guests. The assumption in Washing-ton is that Clinton is going to

dent: four years ago, George Bush was as far ahead of Clip ton as Clinton is ahead of Bob Dole now). If this proves correct, and Labour also wins in Britain, Blair and Clinton seem likely to form a partner-ship as sturdy as the one that linked Mrs Thatcher and her pal Ron. Certainly, that is the expectation in the White e. The two hit it off famonsly last November, when the President stopped in London on his way to Ireland. An American who was in the room said they talked "like twins separated at birth" about what

est Rob Dole in the autumn

which may not be very pru-

Blair called during his time here "the voyage of change" that all left-of-centre perties have endured recently. Clinton was ready for a Buropean buddy. He and Hel-mut Kohl share a pession for food in bulk, but not a lot more; hoad in bulk, but not a lot more; he and John Major are cut from entirely different bolts of cloth. The Tories' downed effort to help re-elect George Bush by runnaging through Home Office files for material that would demonstrate the young Bill Clinton's lack of pat-riotism while at Oxford during the Vietnern War still ranking the Vietnam War still rankles, but it is not at the centre of either the President's lack of

enthusiasm for Major or his attraction to Blair. On the mos basic level, one of Clinton's closest advisers says, he finds Major dull and Blair interest-ing, Major conventional and Blair intellectually adventurous But beyond that, there is the voyage. The Democrats have not been out of power as long not been out or power as houg as Labour has — Jimmy Carten was just taking office as Jim Callaghan was leaving — but by the end of the 1980s, they seemed equally out of steam. Michael Dukakis and Neil Kinnock both came to be seen as the last gasp of the aggressive, all-devooring webbre state.

their parties, who were lured away by Thatcher in Britain and by Reegan in the US.

Only in such a situation, some would argue, could people as young and as little known as Blair and Clinton come to the fore. Both have jettisoned a good deal of their parties' ideo logical baggage, especially their commitment to big gov-eriment, though Clinton has zigged and zagged more in repudiating much of the New Deal and the Great Society than Blair has done in de-am phasising socialism and the lo of trade unions. Both have set out to recapture blue-collar voters, once the backbone of

New Democrat, New Labour, both seeking ways to keep government viable as a social force in a day of wide-spread worship of the untram-meled warkstiper. Fraining meled marketplace. Enjoining workers to enter into a coveneart with the government, Blair says, "We will help cob-struct a community that is worth living in, but in return you've got to take the chance given to you. Opportunity and responsibility go together." To American ears, the words -not the accent -- sound Clinton

If you set aside the doubts about Clinton's morality, which are deeply felt in the

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Governments on both sides of the Atlantic were curiously tolerant of these breaches of their own embargoes. In Britain, the arms industry suuggled up to Government and the Intelligence Services. At the Ministry of Defence it was hard to tell the difference between a civil servant and a merchant of death."

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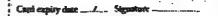
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# A radical party to behold

E HAVE been frequently reminded in the last few weeks that Tamworth, the principal town of Staffordshire South-East, was the birthplace of modern Conservatism. This morning, with a Labour MP now representing Sir Robert Peel's constituency, it looks more like its graveyard. In the mid-term of a Parliament it might just be possible to shrug off losing a seat to the Opposition on a swing of 32 per cent. But this Government is now in its fifth and final year in office. At this stage in its life-cycle a swing of 22 per cent begins to look terminal. At the same stage in the last Parliament, the Conservatives lost a byelection to Labour, but the swing in Monmouth was only 13 per cent. To come back from a swing of 22 per cent in just over a year would be almost like rising from the dead.

Of course, stranger electoral things have happened - though not many. The comeback that the Conservative Party chairman. Brian Mawhinney, has so often declared to be imminent could yet materialise. All one can say is that there was no sign of it at Staffordshire South-

East on Thursday. The Tories are still near the bottom of the hole which they dug for themselves when sterling collapsed in 1992. Granted that byelections usually exaggerate the unpopularity of the Government and that this one may be no exception, on the latest Guardian-ICM adjusted poll, one would still have expected a swing of "only" 11 per cent to Labour. Even on the average of the latest unadjusted polls one would have expected no more than 19 per cent. What pushed the swing up to 22 per cent in Staffordshire was not so much the increase in the Labour vote as the collapse in the Conservative vote. For every 100 who voted Tory in 1992, only 40 voted Tory this week.

But the biggest political difference between the situation when Labour won Monmouth in May 1991 and the situation now is the credibility of Tony Blair. The precondition for the Conservatives to stage an effective comeback is for Mr Blair to be forced into a retreat and he seems currently in no mood to do that. The Labour leader told the British-American Chamber of Commerce this week that "success comes only for those who are constantly upgrading performance" He seems more than happy to apply this maxim to his own party and his own performance as party leader. He is constantly looking for new allies in his quest for power. Yesterday it was President Clinton. Earlier this week it was that demon of the currency market, George Soros. Last Sunday it was God, whom he enlisted as his inspiration if not his ally in an Easter interview with the Sunday Telegraph. Last year he flew out to Hayman Island in Australia to address the

assembled ranks of Newscorp executives and the demon of the tabloid press, Rupert Murdoch. Each new ally represents a new reassurance and neutralises - at least for a while - another potential enemy. Clearly Mr Blair is not going to allow himself to suffer character assassination at the hands of the Sun ratpack if he can avoid it. There will be no Nightmare on Blair Street this time. He is not going to be denounced from every pulpit as a Godless socialist. He is not going to see the pound plunge on the foreign exchanges at the very prospect of a Blair government. He is not going to be cold-shouldered in Washington or suffer Neil Kinnock's fate of being destabilised by the White House press corps.

This is what must depress Dr Mawhinney far more than the result of the Staffordshire byelection. Every possible angle through which a Labour leader might be vulnerable, through the tabloid press, through the foreign exchanges, through morality, through the Church, through inexperience in foreign affairs, is being systematically closed down. On his American trip Mr Blair has become clearer than ever both about the price he is willing to pay for success and about the direction in which he intends to take his party and, assuming victory, his government. Labour is no longer a party of the left, he told Americans. New Labour will be a government of the radical centre. It will set about the job of changing Britain "from an explicitly centreground position, taking people with us and recognising that unless we combine change with equity, change will not come". Warm words, but ones that many in his party will find difficult to swallow.

### Don't mention 'adult' mags

Where did you buy your copy of the Guardian this morning? From a newsagent, is the most likely reply. Today being Saturday, however, an increasing number of readers - 9 per cent, compared to 7.5 per cent a year ago --buy their paper not at the corner newsagents, but at a supermarket or a petrol station. Various explanations suggest themselves: the transformation of food and fuel retailers into purveyors of everything and anything; the introduction of the dreaded bar code to the front page, now something of a design feature in its own right; and the decline of the newsagent.

Newsagents can be tired, dispiriting places. Confectionary, tobacco, news-papers, magazines, and Lottery tickets compete for attention. And up there, on the top shelf, sit the great unmention-ables of British high street retailing, the "adult" magazines. Unmentionable, that is, until this week. WH Smith, which choose if non-constant may have shares 75 per cent of newspaper and magazine distribution with John Menzies. had operated a "box-out" policy for its 20,000 newsagent clients. A pre-packed selection of items was sent to the newsagents, who could refuse the titles they did not wish to stock. That was the theory. In practice, many complained that their requests were ignored, and they would be stuck with unwanted pornography. Hence, in part, the unsettling nature of shopping in many newsagents.

Loiter for too long by the magazines and you start to feel furtive. No matter that you really are only interested in the motorcycling magazines on the top shelf, the grubbiness of the adult titles is infectious.

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The solution is simple. Put the sex magazines in the sex shops. This is not censorship. It is simply to remove material that some people may find offensive to a place where it would be impossible to stumble upon it by accident. Smith's decision to reverse the procedure, making it an "opt in" system, will go some way toward removing unwanted magazines in "family" stores.

It is an odd episode, coming only a month after WH Smith began to withdraw some 350 small, and therefore uncommercial magazines from its retail outlets on the basis that its customers were "looking for mainstream products". Do adult magazines fit the definition of mainstream? The market for pornographic magazines has risen by 10 per cent in the last year: Smith's profits fell by 7.6 per cent last year, and the company has shed 1,000 jobs. In many European countries, such a move is illegal: commercial viability is no justification for refusing to stock a magazine. WH Smith says it has an obligation to balance "commercial and moral obligations". If this means an uninterrupted diet of glossy magazines of one type on the lower shelves and glossy magazines of a distinctly different nature on the top shelf, it is a short-sighted approach. Without the margins, the mainstream stagnates. Why not free up some space on the top shelf for Top Hats Monthly, Racing Pigeon Pictorial, and Tribune?

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that Syria should not have per-mitted the Hizbollah attacks is mitted the Hizboliah attacks is to overlook the tangled story of Syrian and Iranian joint patronage of that movement. and the agony Iran's intransigence relates to the efforts of the United States, and Israel, to isolate and pun-ish that difficult country. Syria's intransigence, less marked, relates to Syrian fear that it will not get full restitu-tion of its Golan territory, and that it may in the future also be isolated by the development of an Israel-Palestine-Jordan economic and political zone. As to Hizbollah and Hamas, they are, in their own understanding, at war. They cannot be treated purely as pathology, or, as Netanyahu would have it, as evil forces supported by Laws.

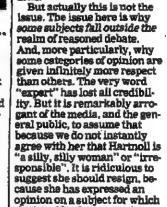
Sara Maitland O YOU personally think that if a new youth dance venue is to receive a licence, it should provide a "chill out space" where dancers can find a little quiet and a proper sup-ply of cold water so that they can counteract the effects of taking an illegal drug? (Don't worry if you know nothing about the subject --- that is apparently irrelevant). I'm a journalist, so I'm

allowed an opinion: on this or almost anything else, and — although lots of people may disagree — no one is going to

call for my resignation. Paul

Betts is a bereaved father so

a case (not proven but certainly debatable) for legal-ising Ecstasy along with other "youth" drugs. In this sense I am with Clare Short — I do not see why she was obliged to resign from the hadow cabinet for suggesting that we might talk about drug



she is paid to have an opinion. How are we going to move any debate forward if specialists



# Those tongues of gun fire

In the Middle East, killing your enemies sends a message to your friends. MARTIN WOOLLACOTT on the futile dialogue of death. Illustration by PETER TILL

HATEVER their mother tongue, the peoples of the Middle East are all Quent in the region's second language. that of violence. The messages they exchange are literally written in blood. They are almost always ineffective. And they have increasingly become nessages addressed as much to one's own side as to the enemy. The stereotypical israeli situation is one in which you kill people in order to send a message to another government that it should use violence against the people who are using violence against

You You do this without real expectation that it will work but in order to prove to your own people that you are doing what you can. The typical Syrian situation is one in which

it is long past. Violence used in pursuit of clear objectives smash the PLO, drive out the Jew, wake up the West to the Palestinian cause --- was bad enough. But what we see now is violence as an aid to politiyou permit your proxies to kill people in order to send a mescal survival Even the Islamists may no age that life will continue to onger believe in the attainability of their supposed ulti-mate aims. The splits within be painful for another govern ment until it gives you a settlement on your terms, which, both Hamas and Hizbollah however, are less important in show that there are some who. at least tactically, believe in politics now rather than in themselves than as a signal of toughness to your own people The typical situation of what protracted war. Of those speaking the language of vio-lence in the Middle East, very are called terrorist movements is that you kill people in order to prove to your own few really believe that it will people, to the Israeli governget them what they say they expect it to get. And they all have plenty of experience of ment, and to Arab governments, that you are a power to violence getting them the op-posite of what they wanted. be reckoned with. The use of force arises in part from the need to maintain a certain image and to con-For Shimon Peres. this is a

hard time. Twelve years ago vince potentially angry and cynical men and women that his first task as prime minister of a national unity government you are worthy of leading them. There never was an age was to extract the Israeli army from Lebanon, where it was of innocence in the modern Middle East. But there was a dangerously dug in after the previous Likud government's invasion of Lebanon went time when politicians and

soldiers. and the leaders of armed movements, genuinely wrong. That invasion bad been launched, with almost thought that force could bring Napoleonic self confidence, by relatively easy solutions. If so. Ariel Sharon. the embodiment of the idea that force could solve everything. Lebanon proved the reverse. The PLO survived. The Shi'ites of Lebanon were traumatised and politicised, replacing the PLO as a threat to israel's northern towns, and creating the condi-tions in which Hizbollah could grow. The attacks of poorly armed Shi'ites on the Israelis are said to have played a part in inspiring the intifada.

The chain of consequences still goes on. Now Israel has struck at Beirut and at other places in Lebanon. The attacks have not been on a large scale and they have been, insofar as these things can be, almed only at Hizbollah targets. But threats coming from Ori Orr, the Israeli deputy defence min ister, go beyond reprisals on Hizbollab to suggest that the destruction of Lebanon's econ omy is not beyond consideration. The Lebanese, Orr omi-nously suggests, may "have to consider if they want Lebanon to develop at the rate they are always boasting about, or if investment in Lebanon will stop, and Lebanon will return

to its plight of a few years ago Mr Peres has himself said nothing like this, but he must be asking how many times he has been here before - making threats and at the same time fearing the consequence of having to carry them out. His excuse, of course, is that be has to make war in order to make peace. A failure to act after Hizbollah put down rockets on northern Israel could have lost him the elec-tions at the end of May. If he should lose, the chances for peace are dim indeed. The L4 kud party and its leader Benja min Netanyahu offer policies that would push the region into limbo, combining a refusal to go forward with the Palestinians with an unwillingness to reinstate the occupation. The Labour government's reaction to the Hizbollah attacks, as to the Hamas suicide bombs before them, is that something mus be seen to be done, and "some thing" in the Middle East usu ally involves high explosive. At least the Hizboliah problem can be dealt with by attacks on a third party in a way that the Hamas attacks could not.

But if Israel has its excuses, so have the other actors. To say the road.

that there could be no Greater Israel, nor an Arab Palestine from the Jordan to the Sea. Syria, too, might be brought to recognise that its ambitions to dominate in the central

evil countries. There is a social basis to their existence, and a

T IS inane to say that, at the

end of the day, people have to talk. The Middle East, it

has been rightly said, is not a tea party. The divergence of objectives is such that

regimes, and even peoples, se

Oslo a different place was that for the first time, Israelis and

Palestinians recognised that

neither was strong enough to

achieve those objectives Peace could grow out of a recognition of the impossible

their very existence as at stake. But the change that made the Middle East after

history to their aspirations

that cannot be ignored.

Middle East were unrealistic. True, a kind of Greater Is-rael ambition could be mid to survive in the vision of a Middle East which would be, in the words of Peres, "domi-nated by banks, not tanks, bal-lots not bullets, and where the only generals are General Motors and General Electric" That danger is seen at one level by Syria, and at another by the Islamists, fearing an Israeli-brokered Westernisation of their countries. The Israeli economy, in other words, thight succeed where the is-taeli arroy failed. But the isamists are not truly to be cas or at least not yet, as complete villains, but as movements who have not yet understood the impossibility of winning outright victories. In the meantime, the knowledge that force is not the answer combines with a certain inevitabil ity about its use. The Israeli chief of staff, Amnon Shahak, told reporters yesterday, when asked if he might take actions similar to those in the early eightles, that "Well, history and many, many events replays itself. Nothing is going to be exactly the same and nothing will be totally new." That is what is so dispiriting. even if the present troubles are patched up by a discreet deal of some kind, as they may well be. To get there, however, there still has to be blood on

their own decisions. I do not think that people old enough to vote should be lied to. I do not think that Ecstasy is the worst thing in the world: they are far more alcohol-related

he's allowed an opinion too. The death of a child is a dread ful thing, and I hesitate even to say this, but it does not make anyone an expert on whatever the child died from. On the contrary, it might reasonably be held that someone as close to such a tragedy is less likely to hold a balanced view than authorities, then, as we know someone with more distance and overview. Nonetheless much of the

press has been quoting him with approval while calling for the resignation of Mary Hartnoll, who is paid £76,000 year, precisely because she is an expert. Moreover she -that it is counterproductive ed her expert opinion to tell people lies, and particu-larly lies that their experience has taught them are lies --within a perfectly proper pro-fessional context. She wrote an internal memo to her fellow professionals in direct relation to a matter on which the authority had to form a

position\_ Now in fairness I should say that I agree with her. I do not think that fear is an effective way of changing behaviour. ] do want my own children to have the best possible infor-mation on which to make deaths than Ecstasy-related deaths but we can still get "sensible drinking" advice. I would in fact go further than Ms Harmoll: I believe there is

are not allowed to say what they think to their own colleagues? There is of course a swings and roundabouts problem here. If we are totally subservient to expert opinion, to the instructions and commands of The Experts --- governments, specialists, academics,

from history, our freedoms are dangerously imperilled. On the other hand, it is possible to move too far in the op posite direction, towards an anti-intellectual, "common sense" (a aumphemistic code for "what I feel"), who-dothey-think-they-are emotionalism which is no better guide for actions. We need facts to make up our minds, and hope — our hearts as well. I do not quite see why my children should trust me, should accept my authority, if I am not prepared to show them, by seek-ing out and using wellgrounded opinion, that I can . respect proper, well-informed authority myself. This is particularly relevant with things like drugs: if I go with my feelings alone, instead of hard facts, why shouldn't they? And Ecstasy feels good — or so I'm told!

If we are happy to lie to our children and are apparently uninterested in the truth; if we are not prepared to listen to people who are experts; if to people who are experts. If we are not even prepared to let the experts develop their post-tion through informed and open debate then I do not see how we can hope to solve the problem of recreational drugs. Or any other social problem, actually.

Smallweed

HAT unlikely combo, John Major and the Vote-Rockers, may prove another triumph of the Prime Minister's mastery of "game theory", a science so esoteric as to be

ism was represented by Michael Stewart, Peter understood only by two Nobel prizewinners plus Our John. The story so far: Rock The Vote is a non-political (ie anti-Tory) campaign to persuade young people to heed Robert "Tamworth Manifesto" Peel and "register. register, register" for the vote. Central Office's endorsement of RTV was, according to the Daily Telegraph (April 6), further evidence of the PM's lamentable soft-beadedness; indeed. "the current Conservative leadership is . . . In a state of denial about who its enemies are." This newspaper, however, congratu-lated him (April 11) for endorsing a campaign that can do his party little but harm. Come election night, both viewpoints could be proved quite wrong. On May 30.

1968, the Crossman diaries

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age to 18 from 21. High ideal-

whose antonym "inappro-priate" is rapidly becoming Shore. Tony Benn and Gerto the Britain of the 1990s ald Gardiner, just about everybody else worried over Labour's election chances. One fear was that Celtic youth would misguidedly vote Scottish or Welsh nationalist; limiting the reduc tion to 20 could safeguard against such foolishness. In the event, 18 it was, amid a general feeling that youth was, on the whole, for Harold. Two years and 19 days later, the young idealists marched to the polls: by nightfall, one ERG Heath was heading for 10 Downing Street. A lesson not lost, we think. on the present addresse.

AR. ALL-OUT war. weasel words. "appropriate", a clogging, cloying all-purpose term of bureaucratic approval

what "un-American" was to the post-war United States. Latest sightings include. from Thursday night, a BBC report that two nursing employees had been arrested, their crimes including "inappropriate attitudes" to mental patients. Over on Newsnight, John Prescott dead-batted queries on his boss Mr Blair's tax-cutting zcal with: "a statement will be made at the appropriate time" (it would be a start were TB to make his state ments in the appropriate country: Thursday's olivebranch to top-rate payers was delivered from Wall Street). Those who would appropriate appropriate include popular fiction writers. Reading in John Grisham's trillion-seller The Client (Century; 1993) she hugged him appropriately', perhaps we should expect no better, but did PD James in Original Sin (Faber: 1994) really need an inappropriate (re a female detective's trousers) and an appropriate (re the entran to a convent) on the same page? There are others. Be warned: the A-word is sprayed around like firefighting foam by those who would bury us all beneath a on of codes of conduct and voluntary guidelines. Resist. Hug someone inappropriately every day.

NOTHER front, an-A other war, or, in this case, a crosade. In the wake of the Tamworth dises ter (sorry, fightback) Michael Howard called yesterday for a "crusade" to remind voters of Labour's flaws and the Tories' overall wonderfulness. This is marely the latest Conserva tive crusade: early in his

premiership, Mr Major launched a "crusade agains crime". About two years later, he announced a "crusade against crime", the first crossders having apparently got lost in the de-sert. The real crusades, of course, were mostly disasters, full of desperate accidents, catastrophes, vile misunderstandings and counter-productive results. Odd that the Tories should be so keen on them (except that so much of their recent record hauntingly resea-bles the crusades).

**RAINSPOTTING** (the gentle pastime, not the cinematic adventures of Caledonian morphinister) week's tentative suggestion that St Albans Abbey-Wat-ford Junction may be England's shortest branch line brought forth hoots of derision from the locophiliacs.

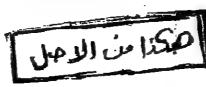
They give the crown to the %-mile Stourbridge Junc-tion-Stourbridge Town line in West Midlands, although "the true connoisseur". writes one spotter, prefers the quietest to the shortest: one train travels daily once each way on the 2%-mile Watford Junction-Croxley Green branch, finishing at 6.54am. After this, the tracks doze in peace.

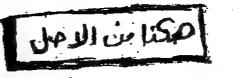
EAD Beadle John Simpson is not a volu-ble, media-loving police chief in the manner of Manchester's much-missed James Anderton, but yester day, he was firmly on-therecord with his views on police headgear. A "working party is expected to recommend that forces replace the bobby's helmet with something more withit (probably a long-peaked baseball cap, the better to ussist officers to squint at

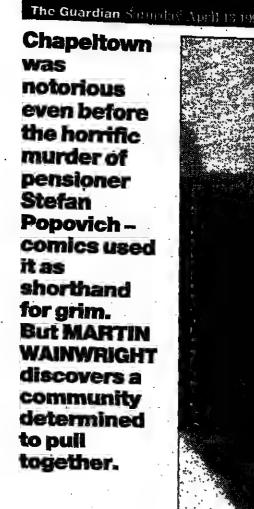
overtime forms or at any members of the public they wish to shoot). The nation's smallest force is having none of it; Mr Simpson and his two beadles will continue to petrol Burlington Arcade in their traditional toppers. The review "wouldn't affect us at all", he said, going on to praise the traditional helmet, strong enough to take a con-stable's weight should be wish to peer over a wall.

INALLY, how could we Last week have placed Goole 23 miles east of Hull, dunking 18,284 York-shire folk in the North Sea? In the Brigade of Guards there are, famously, no excuses, but in the 317 cadet detachment, Queen's Rgt, the honour code ran as follows: (a) It wasn't my fault, (b) I was told to do it, (c) any chance of a lift back to Rear Echelon?

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Photograph by DON MCPHEE

> Playdays . . . Mojoes Childcare in Chapeltown (above) is a self-supporting business; street ous hide a wealth of communal organizations

Random death in the life of a Leeds suburb

HE STORY could hardly have been more horrible: a pensioner dragged from his car after asking the way, kicked and besten and left to die in the Like more than 99.9 per street, for the sake of his wristwatch, his wedding ring cent of the area's visitors, he found himself facing the normalities of Leeds. The bigg and a pathetic £50. But Serbian war veteran Stefan Popo-vich, his bereaved family and threat to his wellbeing, dur-ing a day of readings at Bracken Edge primary school, was "the school dinfriends were not the only innocent victims of last week-end's moment of evil in a very ner of plaze, mixed veg and a ordinary side-turning in

Icream home" The landscape of last week's tragedy, in the national mind, is also almost An entire community, one of the most vigorous and

only in some degree that rudeness which is peculiar to them". But they laft a sound Yorkshire actor, kicks off an account of a visit last year with: "T've been to Chapeltown, and I haven't been physical base for the other mugged, stabbed or offered narcotic delights."

self-improvers who followed: Jews ("Chapeltown is a little Israel in full working order," said a local paper in the early fifties), east Europeans, Caribbean immigrants and arrivals from the Indian subcontinent. Results include a cracking

summer carnival and polygiot pubs which regularly have customers from 17 different countries of origin; plus a square mile-and-a-half of urban life which, local counwho went to steel drum and

ment), thumbs through a similar list of 89 local organis-ations — the CAB to Jitterbugs Nursery — which try to meet for a monthly network-ing lunch. "Look, I'm not a Pollyanna in rose-coloured glasses," she says. "But we're here because my husband got a cheap flat in Chapeltown Road when he was a student; we've made lots of friends and become very involved with the church; and this is the part of the world I like and. where I want to be." Her husband agrees, as does their student daught



highly concan trated levels of deprivation which eive under-qualified school-leav-ers small hopes of a fair start in life. Leeds' unemployment percentage of 9.4 shoots up to 32.3 per cept in the Markham Avenue area, 33.7 per cent in Leopold Street and 36 per cent in the Granges, the grid of substantial redbrick houses where the Phelps live Unemployment among 16-24s, at 15 per cent for the city, was 35.2 per cent in Markham Avenue, 42.7 per cent in Leopold Street und 46.3 per cent in the Granges. The figures are now 18 onths old, but today's ratios are little changed.

agencies tackling this prob-lem, in ways which could pro-vide models for Taggart. His Chapeltown and Harehills Assisted Learning Community School, housed in Leeds' old tram depot, offers extra help to children — mostly Afro-Ca ribbean - who have flunked or suffered from low teacher expectations at school. "We try to teach them to believe in themselves and develop confidence." he says. "By provid-ing extra support [families pay a minimum £1 fee for eve ning or weekend classes], we hope to help the kids cope with work and school, and perhaps change the attitudes towards them of some of their

Smoothing out a glitzy, home-made beadband for Nicky and Dale, two of her childcare group charges, Maureen Jones is working out another way of helping local young people into de-cent, challenging work. She heads a management committee which launched Mojoes mt commit Childcare as a self-supporting

business from the failure of a

"We've just had one of

Training scheme run by

"He started here at 19, not sure what he could do, and

num or dad comes to collect

PHOTOGRAPH (below): GAVIN SMITH

full-time," she says. "But I love it here. I've lived in Cha peltown now for 87 years and I love it here — it's my commu-nity and I want to put some quality work back in for the children." Such shoots of hope in the

area have not bloomed unrecognised; the Queen and the Prince of Wales have both visted the area recently and Brainard Braimah's MRE is matched, at the other end of Chapeltown Road, by one for Nadine Senior, head of the Northern School of Contemporary Dance. Her school offers 10p ballet and dance sessions to local young people, and is now teaming up with West Yorkshire Playhouse to encourage Leeds businesses to invest in an-other Chapeltown initiative encouraging regeneration through arts projects.

Even the largely conserva-tive-minded Rotary Clubs of Leeds are pitching in, announcing next week that they will pay for school drug awareness kits which the city

recently had the offer to go

teresting in the country, has had to watch its efforts to break free from a aleazy, fearridden reputation take another battering. 'Six days of national publicity now, " sighs Alison Phelps, a cheery mother of two who has lived near Back Newton Grove, where bunches of daffodils mark Popovich's death, for 25 years. "We've all got friends from elsewhere ringing up to ask 'Are you airight? "Of course we're airight. I

don't think it is reducing our ense of horror at the murder to say: would the coverage still be going on at this rate if it hadn't happened in Chapeltown?" Chapeltown - a name with such instant wordassociation that Brian Glover, the bald and jovial

certainly skewed: dreary, northern terraces, rather than the handsome, if edgefrayed relics of bourgeois grandeur, which play an important part in the community's sense of identity. Laid out spaciously around Potter newton Park, this was 19th-century "New Leeds"; self-improvement land, the home of the Blackburn aircraftmaking family and the ven-ture capitalist who cannily financed that motorists' essential, the Hardy-Spicer universal joint.

They had their own image problems; Earl Cowper, who owned the land, was initially put off the idea of development by a surveyor's report. whose inkewarm best for the locals was the view that "the people of Leeds are putting of

cillor Garth Frankland says in some amazement, is "probably the most 'organisationed' in Western Europe". He gives a typical snapshot: "I was at the Mandela Centre on Chapeltown Road the other week for a meeting on the Asylum Bill -- plenty of church people there, commu nity groups, the lot. Upstairs, the Chapeltown Community Choir were singing away at a practice. And, across the road, they had a packed house for the new RJC company at the Dome Theatre" (the old synagogue base of the North-ern School of Contemporary Dance). Mrs Phelps, a part-time pas-

toral assistant with Harehills Baptist church (again and again, good work in Chapeltown has church involve-

mnay Chinese classes at Earl Cowper middle school and — not surprisingly for a Chapeltowner — is now read-ing for an authropology degree. But Mrs Phelpe acknowledges that her teen-

age son has a tougher time. "He has been knocked to the round and chased on his. bike and doesn't really like gendered by its position almost next to a public house, a hub of street drug dealing, with gangs of intimidatingliving here. It is much harder going for a young white

The downside of Chapel looking young people hang-ing about outside it. Local pritown is certainly no media. invention. Ranjodh Singh, who runs the post office just round the corner from where take pupils along in the tradi-tional crocodile, even to Popovich was killed, sees the atmosphere as "gloomy, with a lot of people no longer feel-ing safe. They feel miserable and scared". Another local tists and the equally active local Church of God of Proph mcillor, Neil Taggart, is ecy show the shocking and

disparities, lop sided the other finding that a widespread way in figures for owner-oc-

fear of going out at night has, for some people, extended into daylight. cupation and car ownership underlie Taggart's repeated calls for more education and Particularly depressingly, the modern local library has a training opportunities. And Mrs Phelps believes that some question mark over its future largely because of the fear enof the answers lie in a close look at social patterns in

chools. "There was this mysterious change when my daughter started in the sixth form, and suddenly her class seemed to be virtually all white," she says. "It seems to be very diffi-cult for an achieving black kid; whether because of pressure on them not to be seen as a teacher's pet, or for other Basons."

A short way up Chapeltown Road, Brainard Brainah "I do some part-time work heads one of a number of in Bradford as well and I

Their yawning

previous group; and her help ers are beginning to go on to council cannot fit into its rent education budget. other jobs.

Chapeltown must now brace itself for the trial of 25 them, Stephen, accepted into Path, the Positive Action year-old Clive Jones, charged on Thursday with Popovich's munder, (Jones is a resident Leeds city council," she says. not of Chapeltown, but from the huge Gipton council estate, which fights its own battles against a bad reputasoon got through child protec tion training and other useful skills." A startlingly young-looking granny, she has made tion two miles away.) Mean-while, Mrs Phelps's 63-year-old auntie, a lifelong resident her way from work as a rail-way guard, via courses at the old Leeds Poly (now Leeds of Chapeltown, is preparing for her summer round of dooro-door charity collections. "She says it's got a bit harder to find people to help, but she'll be doing her bit, Metropolitan University) to a business which starts at 8am with pre-school childcare and ends at 6.30pm when the last

taking proper care." Mrs Phelps says. "She recognises that there can be dangers; but there are other, more important, things in life."

# New rules for a ruler beating a full retreat

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### Martin Kettle

WEEK tomotro Queen Elizabeth II will be 70 years old. Three score years and ten is an important mile-stone in any person's life. In the life of a woman whose role is to embody the nation of which she is the head, it is of more than usual importance. In a society which was enthusiastic for, even merely comfortable with, its monarchy, the sovereign's 70th birthday would surely be a symbolic event. But where is the bunting? Where are the commemorative mugs? Where are the flags, loyal addresses, public events and fireworks which will mark a nation's homage on April 21? Our old friend the visitor from Mars would get no intimation of the sup-posedly notable anniversary due to take place next weekend. But there are no souve-nir brochures, no parties, no

hir brochures, no parties, no nothing. Not even a Happy Birthday Ma'am tea towel. This neglect cannot be a mere oversight. It silently ar-ticulates a new space which is opening up in the centre of

British public life. In the popular royalist culture of the 1980s, any royal hirth, marriage, death or antiver-sary was an excuse for put-ting on a show. Yet the wom-an who is not only our Head of State but who is also acknowledged as one of the few members of the House of

Windsor to emerge up-Windsor to emerge un-scathed from the past decade is planning a low-profile day. She will celebrate her 70th birthday deep inside a distant palace, far out of range of the telephoto lenses of the paparazi, ignored by a nation of Sunday aboppers. This mutual keeping of detance says aomething distance says something both about her and about us.

It is an intuitive separation on both sides. She has retreated while we have lost our enthusiasm. There is residual goodwill. of course, whose existence .

should neither be under-nor over-estimated. But there is also a growing vacuum be-tween the monarchy and its subjects. And the wider truth is that neither we nor the Windsors know what to themselves.

do about it any longer. The instinct must surely. have been to put on a party for the Queen's 70th. For, in spite of all their troubles, the royal family and their court-iers still believe they can count on us. Deep down they believe that everything's all

They are certain that the death of the Queen Mother will one day prove that the magic is as powerful as ever. Forget Diana and Fergie, they are saving that keen. they are saying, just keep following the coffin. It is a bit odd, to put it

mildly, that the monarchy is so dependent on such back-ward-looking events. But it is significant. Vera Lynn's wartime song said "We'll meet again. Don't know where. Don't know when. But I know we'll meet again some sunny day". It perfectly embodies Backingham Palace's belief in its relationship with the British people. They believe we are still at heart One Nation window the Community

Nation under the Crown, but they can only recreate their ideal by trawling the mythol-ogy of the second world war. They do not know how to look forwards, only back. When it comes to the

1990s, as opposed to the 1940s, they have almost nothing to say. In spite of occasional attempts to adapt in small ways, "they" remain imprisoned by

"They" are an anachronis-tic and isolated landed coterie, frequently related to one another, invariably privately educated, often with a military background, shar-ing a liking for blood sports, schooled in deference, speak ing a version of the Boglish language and wearing clothes which set them apart from the rest of the nation. To this day, nothing in their wave in the 1980s, they have

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inheritance or outlook pow lost their touch in the equips them to do more than wave at the world beyond 1990s. The instinct at Buck-ingham Palace is to try to the palace walls. In the 1960s and 1970s, they began the process of transforming themselves into a populist monarchy. The climax of that phase wa the Charles and Diana wedding of 1981. Then, slowly at first, the contradictions of the populist lurch began to destroy the strategy from within. The elixir ceased to work. The monarchy couldn't and wouldn't adapt to the changes which media-driven populism increas-ingly demanded. Its image of its relevance was hopelessly Victorian — Prince Albert reincarnated as Prince Charles—in a world where

### Nothing in the royals' outlook equips them to do more than wave at the world beyond

the Palace walls oublic values are set by Rupert Murdoch not by John Ruskin. As the dream marrises curdled into a nightmare divorce, the monarchy has lurched once sands, this time towards its imagined

That is why hig public cele That is why ng punne cele-hrations — be they for the Queen's 70th or for an Bd-ward and Sophie marriage — have suddenly gone severely out of fashion. Confidence has been replaced by hesita-tion. There's a striking anal-tion. There's a striking analogy between the predica-ments of the Conservative Party and the monarchy. Having tranformed the

reconnect with the innocent deferential 1950s. Like John Major's similar search for his own land of lost content from the same era, it is loaned to fail, but without the politician's ultimate release of electoral defeat. It is understandable to reireat when things go wrong. People do that in all sorts of situations. It is not hard to imagine the Queen, erhansted by the media siege and surrounded by coartiers congenitally opposed to change, looking out over her

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specially organised events. Statistics collected in a Bar

lardo's survey for the Bap-

gardens from the comfort of the surrounding walls and concluding that a period of quist consolidation is required. Put the blame on

and wait for the trouble out-side to dis down. Understandable, perhaps. But possibly fatal to the emnerraised cante of constitu-

chism in the Thatcher years showed us the contradictory backwardness of radical eco nomic liberalism existing be neath a carapace of feudal populism. But what do we ee today in what the author Tom Nature calls the

enchanted glass? We see an exhausted institution whose only serious agenda is its own survival and which survives now purely because of our failure -not the monarchy's failure either to reform or to replace it. It is not a flatter-

ing reflection for any of us. Do we just leave things as they are? Or do we have a plan? It is time that we had something better to look at when we hold the glass to ourselves. At the moment there is just a big nothing.

The hamster that lay down but took forever to die it has to be admitted, sorely



iliar with. He gave it an injec-

It carried on for ages, poor thing, getting scrawnier and

talking about my mother who

had died of cancer. The yourgest came home from school

tion. I gave him loads of money.

Much discussion was had about tombstones. "I hate it when they say that the person just fell asleep," said my oldest. "It isn't just like failing asleep, is it?" We talked of cremation and burial, of reincarnation and of hamster heaven, imag ined as a greet wheel in the sky

The day finally came when Patchy could no longer be res-urrected by a soft drink and we found him stiff at the bottom of the cage. My youngest was distraught, wanting to phone Childline. Her sister was away so I felt that I must preserv him till she came home. I wrapped him in Microwave film and put him in a Chines takeaway box with a few dried flowers around him. Then he started to smell and had to be put out the back where the ca tried to get him out of the box. Is

there no dignity? The service itself was a small affair. We said a few words about his life and the adven-tures he had had, most of them, when we came to think about it, concerned with him trying to escape or nearly dying in other exciting ways. We talked of spirits and ghosts and Dracu-las. My daughter got busy mak-ing a card. "Clara (her best friend) made me a card when Patchy died, so I'm making her a card because her dantist died," she said.

Perhaps the kids had learnt something after all, something about letting go, the inevitabil-ity of death, the uniqueness of scrawnier. The children started this tiny life. Immediately his decomposing little body was in with a drawing. "My Nana is an angel. I am sad." So this was why you had pets, then, so that children could talk about grief. the ground the tears stopped. "Can we have another one?" they begged, "and can we call it exactly the same name?"

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Suzanne Moore EX and death. That is Diana and Fergie. Sit tight

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tional monarchy. It is often said that the monarchy is a reflection of the society over which it presides. By this token, the revival of monar-

# **16 LETTERS TO THE ED**

# A flood on Bridgewater

HE Home Office Minister, Tim Kirkhope, dis-putes with Michael Chance. the prosecutor

in the Carl Bridgewater mur-der case, the importance of the undisclosed evidence relating to unknown fingerprints on Bridgewater's bicycle.

The object of a trial is for all of the evidence to be tested by prosecuting and defence counsel, in front of a judge and jury. It is not for the Home Office to rehearse the prosecution's case and then to deny the evidence to the court because, in their view, neither defence counsel nor judge and jury could have drawn a different conclusion Ray Elms. 71 Bedford Court Mansions, Bedford Avenue, London WC1B 3AD.

HE latest twist in the Bridgewater Four cam-paign reminds me of Adolf Beck, wrongly accused and falsely imprisoned, who served five years before being pardoned

Had the fingerprint-classification system introduced in 1901 — just months before his release — been in place, no prosecution could have proeeded. Beck received £5,000 in compensation, an enormous sum at a time when shop assistants were lucky to earn E50 per annum If the original verdict on the

Bridgewater Four is over-turned, what price justice today? Michael Linden. 38 Cecile Park, London N89AS

IKE Jill Morrell (Untrue confessions, April 11), I clearly remember the Carl Bridgewater murder, the attendant publicity and trial,

### **Citizens advice bungle**

T IS interesting to note that the main defence of Ann Abraham, the chief executive of the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, against the delivery of bad advice appears to be that solicitors may not be very good either (Letters, April 11).

If NACAB is committed to high quality advice, it has to move beyond window dressing poor advice. As a CAB caseworker I find it hard to accept that NACAB's commitment to deliver good advice is anything more than a paper exercise.

It is not enough to commission reports and privately ac-knowledge that 40 per cent of advice (on employment) is

but it is linked in my mind with a similar tragedy which occurred at the time: the killing of Blair Peach, who was beaten to death by a group of police officers (from the Special Patrol Group) following an anti-racist

demonstration. Carl Bridgewater was killed by a single bullet, but four men were sentenced to life for his nurder. The group of policemen who attacked Blair Peach were identified but as it was not possible to identify the individual responsible for the blow that killed him, they all walked free. Both trials took place at about the same time but with very different outcomes — a case of rough justice if ever there was one.

Nigel Baker. 51 Cephas Avenue, London El 4AR. ARCEL BERLINS (Writ large, April 9) asks: "In whose inter-ests is it to keep innocent men in prison?" Among those who have an interest is Michael Howard because, if the Bridgewater Four's innocence is officially acknowledged: people might start to deduce that there are other innocent people in prison; some might even realise that there probably are thousands of innocent ople in prison; and some might conclude that "prison works" is more accurate an expression than anything else Michael Howard has ever uttered. It is in Michael How-ard's interest to conceal the fact that prison works very ef-

factively by incarcerating the innocent and enabling the guilty to escape justice. Seán Goodsir-Cullen. 176 Latymer Court, London W80NS.

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other organisations for other issues. Only then will it be

opportunities such as legal-aid franchising.

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Any defence by Ann Abra-

ham that things have, and con-

tinue to, improve does not fit

with my experience.



## The quango quandary (cont.)

HAT value Nolan? If his proposals that quango leaders pointed for political fidelity and not business merit. Con-trast this with the success of hould not be paid are true, I nationalised industries in take it for granted that he's doing his work for nothing — Canada, led by highly paid, properly qualified and motivated people producing ecootherwise his proposals are hollow (Nolan: end quango scandal, April 11). What is a nomic returns to the public purse. Is Nolan so naive commission like this if it's not as to believe that a man like a quango? Perhaps, after all, we should have been prepared Shaw, accepting a job to lead and reform the old PLA, or to to pay more for a more analytchair the AA, would risk his ical and competent job. Quangos cover a wide field. reputation in doing only 12

days a year? Would the committee of the AA appoint him chairman and probably nav him a good deal more than the Government for just 10 or 11 days a year if its members believed, after many years as its treasurer, that he wasu't worth it?

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Would the Government have attracted him for nothing

£34,000 a day, April 11) are outrageous. But it would be wrong to draw from this the conclusion that all payments should be ended. Those who sit on public bodies, whether as elected councillors or as government appointees, should do so out of a sense of public duty --- but if there is no

HILE the Guardian dis coveries about current payment whatsoever, public life will be limited to the quangoism are important (though you omit the fact that the chairman of Boots the retired or wealthy. There is a remarkable disrepancy between local councillors who can be surcharged Chemist earns £33,000 for his two-days-a-topek post as Chair of the Funding Agency for for financial mistakas and quaneocrats who receive large payments, but cannot be

Schools) we need surely to Schools) we need surely to take a slightly longer view. Patronage and nomination have long been co-extansive held to account for errors that cost the public dear. Those taking decisions about public expenditure with governance here. It is casually illiferate to comoare England with other "spoils

should be accountable to the people affected - either through local councils of

Michael Howard's performance on probation is criminal

MICHAEL HOWARD'S pro-ficers' pay to the re-offending rates of those under their supervision (Probation pay linked to crime, April 10) blatantly seeks to blame crime on a group of professionals who are at the sharp end of efforts to reduce it. Under this scheme I would be punished because some of my clients commit more offences: anyone with the slightest knowl-edge of criminal justice knows this to be entirely unavoldable.

I have a caseload of nearly 50 young men between 15 and 21, who mostly have substan-tial previous convictions by the time they reach me. I supervise them on licence when they are released from Young Offender Institutions.

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quality service at a reduced cost. What have I done to de-

David Maynard. Thistleboon Cottage. Thistleboon, Mumples, Swanser

SUGGEST cutting out the middle man, so to speak, and having offenders work for the probation service.

That way, their tandency to burgle would be limited by the prospect of no pay rise at the end of the year. Probation officers, on the other hand, may find themselves a more lucrative form of employment, and one which is only slightly more despised by the Home Office, in the field of crime.

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the public interest. They head publicly owned businesses. You ignore the huge improvements that have octries and publicly owned gated and developed by Sir Brian Shaw and people like him. Nationalised industries of their leaders, largely ap-

Thankfully we have finally accepted the old adage that, in curred in nationalised indus businesses and services instiwere a laughing stock, unsuccessful because of the quality

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REGARDING your report

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engers. BAA has no control

over these areas which are

entirely in the hands of the

Immigration Office. We are concerned to make

sure that asylum seekers do

and we have taken the initia-

tive to arrange for posters and notices to be displayed in the

arrivals piers. We have there-fore not been an obstacle to

providing this information. Steven Olivant.

URTHER to your mention of The Boom-Boom Room,

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### business at least, paying peanuts produces only monkeys. David & Thomas. 343 Nine Mile Ride, Wokingham, Berks RG40 HE payments to stand report (Top quangocration

paid him as much if not more through regional assemblies But the principle that led to MPs being paid stands true: such positions are not open to all if there is no payment. This might not be a serious problem if we are talking about 12 days a year, but what about being leader of a council, which might take two days a

The sensible approach would be to have a universal

fact). Although the basic pro-

cess of evolution is now well

### The Darwin debate evolves

AN KATZ (Monkey retrial April 11) and Linda Grant ban lifted, April 12) of an al-leged ban at BAA's airports on (Knee benders for the truth, April 11) amply illustrate the current confusion regarding posters giving information to the construction of a world view appropriate to modern times. For Grant: "To build a ban the posters. Permission to display them in the immigraworld based on human ethics and human values, rather than materialism and reli-Immigration Office because of their effect on the flow of pasgion, is the coming task." For the creationists: "But in the 21st century people will need ( better principle than materialism and that's what I'm trying to develop.' get the information they need

These are curious bedfel lows in opposition to material-ism. But Richard Dawkins, for example, a leading advocate of materialism, allows impressive specialist expertise to distort a rounded treatment of wider philosophical

where ynnosophica questions. We need a deeper under-standing of things — not some new hyle to replace old concepts, but an awareness that any such concept can only ever be relative. But if the universe is not the sort of place which can contain absolute truths, or unshakeable theories. from whence do we de rive the moral imperative? Grant beseeches us to ac knowledge that we only have each other, and that moral codes must be built by conse sus, mankind thereby saving itself rather than waiting to be saved. But again the spectre of the moral imperative rises: why should we do these things? To such questions the humanist can only appeal to shared values and a sense of

sils like me into writing, but when she says "the Old Testaright and wrong. J P Green. ment makes no mention of for-55 Benson Avenue. giveness" (April 11), I do wonder how she can have reached London E6 3EE. adolescence without hearing the story of Joseph, whose brothers left him in a pit to die. HE evolution versus creation controversy is basi-HE evolution versus cre Many years later he forgave cally a struggle between reli-

them with tears. When Ms. gious dogmatists and Grant reaches her 18th birthscientific dogmatists for day. I'll gladly give her a Bible social supremacy, particu larly the right to have their views "taught" to children (le instilled as unquestionable Eardington, Salop WV165LQ.

understood and generally ac-cepted, the theory of evolution does not and cannot exclude the possibility of intelligent non-human intervention, especially in the puzzling devel opment of the human species This is or should be a strictly scientific issue, but it has been bedevilled by the unwar ranted assumption that nonhuman intervention can only be divine intervention. The debate will serve a useful purpose if it eventually reveals that religion and scimtific materialism are equally inadequate as a basis or rational education and a rational world-view. Philip Lloyd Lewis. **57F Mallard Road.** 

Bourgemouth BH89PJ. DARWINISM does not answer all the questions. There is the niggling problem of the speed of change, for nstance. It has been claimed that if we had relied solely on chance mutations for our development then, mathematically, we'd all be still very similar to our amoebic ancestors. If methods are developed for

improving Darwin and filling in the gaps in evolutionary theory, then the present battle could be very creative. In any case, what is wrong with teaching that science is the history of argument and that it is still largely conducted at the whim of social and political pressures, and whoever is prepared to pay for research? Mark Abraham. 168 Egerton Road North, Manchester M166DB.

AVE the Creationists ever noticed that chapter 2 of Genesis contradicts Chapter 1 of Genesis (compare 1:24 to 27 with 2:18 to 20, just for starters), and if so how do they reconcile this? Dave Juson. 44 Shirley Road. Freemantle Southampton SO153EU.

systems" (normally the US is invoked), since we have a 1,000-year history here of farouring a certain class or type of person. Anyone who has aramined the correspondence regarding senior appointments will find again and again the querulous anxieties so understated in true English tradition: "Er, will be fit in?" Philip Corrigan. 19 Sidmouth Gardens, Bristol BS3 5HE.

system of allowances which

compensates those sitting on public bodies for their time at

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far less serious that their pre-vious ones. These, in the real Looted by Lagos world, are successes -- people

OR the Liberian conflict to have a meaningful solution, Nigerians must be removed from their peac 19010158 keeping roles (Fugitive Libe-rian warlord swears no sur-render, April 11). Nigeria's military junts has been involved in Liberian internal at fairs from the start licenc Ibrahim Babangida saw Laura Kerr.

himself as a world statesman with the wisdom and oil money to meddle in others' af fairs. Although the late Samuel Doe was rejected by his eople, Babangida encouraged him to hang on to power by all means because he calcu lated that military head of states in neighbouring countries (Ghana, Liberia, demands that we provide a Togo, Sierra Leone) may im-prove his own chance of perpetuating himself as civilian president of Nigeria. A Country Diary Peace-keeping roles require a disciplined, intelligent army. I was told by a group of Liberians that ships departing Pengelli Forest is closely Monrovia to Lagos were loaded with goods looted by

the Nigerlan army: from domestic stereo units to street light-poles with copper wire uprooted. What Nigeria lacks at home — clean hands, discipline, peace and order — can not logically be offered to others. Soji Lapite.

### Medlar Street, London SES. We scored too

OLVERHAMPTON Wanready to rise and fight for Arthur. Their height in some of the sheltered valleys is erers, local rivals to WBA, found their guardian daunting and dizzy-making. angel in Sir Jack Hayward, a Others have been coppleed. All the wood bas been used. It multi-millionaire who has inected cash into the club. may go to provide a habitat Following your leader (April 12), we Baggies, as poorer for beetles and spiders, birds and mammals. Or used to proneighbours, have a Guardian vide seats, works of art in themselves, reminiscent of the sculpture trail in the Forangel too. But are you subtly showing support for new, cen-trist Labour's fiscal prudence? Scott Lawley. Lancaster University, used for charcoal burning Lancaster LA1 4ZA.

Not surprisingly, some of them do re-offend during the Marilyn J Gregory 43 Harcourt Road. licence period. There is not Sheffield S10 1DH. one thing I --- or anyone else could do to prevent that. CERHAPS Mr Howard's pay

I can think of two recent could be reduced whencases where my client has imever a prisoner escapes from mediately owned up to me in custody, or indeed could be considerable shame about linked to the overall levels of having committed a new crime' Sean Alta. In both cases, the young man clearly knew he had let

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### **Winning ticket**

whose offending career is diminishing in seriousness DENIS Vaughan's letter (April 12) stating that "no and who are beginning to feel lottery has cost so much" I love my job but perhaps reveals his reluctance to be put I've got it all wrong: it's actu-ally our fault that some ofoff by facts. It is bizarre to suggest that the lottery's running costs are fixed, and untrue that fenders cannot be stopped in the capital cost "was only £49.5m". The lottery involves their tracks by receiving a Probation Order, or being on a over 600 people employed full-time by Camelot, the training of over 75,000 retail staff and a great deal more. Capital MICHAEL HOWARD costs are approaching £200m. Camelot was awarded the licence in part as it submitted the lowest bid. It is the world's required to practise as a probation officer, takes away from those who offend responsecond-most efficient operator. David Rigg. Camelot Group pic. 20 Cockspur Street, London SW1Y 5BL. sibility for their own behaviour by relating officers' pay to the rise in crime and then

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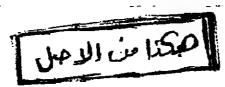
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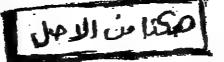
WARTIN ARGLES

NORTH PEMBROKESHIRE; laid out with easily followed walks each with its own colour and a piece of wood children of Egiyswyrw school. Go there for a re-awakening carved by a local craftsman to indicate its likely provenance — woodpeckers, insects, but-terflies and go on. If you're a of childhood. Firstly, there is the approach. From the Felindre end you follow a narwandering Celt, look at the row road up, down and around Castell Henlys where you see Iron Age huts with Iron Age pigs rootling around. thick ivy on some trees to see the origin of your knotwork. Older trees are covered in moss supporting a thick But you carry on, past snooz-ing cats and yawning dogs to cross a ford. Having comgrowth of polypody ferns. The Mabinogion is around every corner. Now is the time to go. pleted all these adventures It is awakening. Early butter you arrive at Pengelli. It has oak trees of varied ages. Some flies, tadpoles squirming in the ponds, soon pied fly catch-ers may appear. Certainly the bluebells and wood anemones will; you see their leaves already. It is a national nature reserve. Quite properly we are provided with paths to keep to. Ouite improperly I mourn for nature being turned into yet another museum - file past the exhibits, but don't touch -- and rejoice for the children and volunteers who come to help. est of Dean. Yet more has been They have a forest hut with a wood-burning stove and a over the winter. Some goes for chimbley. For fun firewood to bring in cash. It is

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# The Guardian Saturday The judge they'd like to lock up

As Chief Inspector of **Prisons, Stephen Tumim** battled Whitehall, and Michael Howard, to build a decent system. His new book shows an undimmed talent to embarrass. Photograph by MARTIN ARGLES



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Interview

**TEPHEN** Tumim answers the door with the mnouncement that he has just

refused to dehate Whether Prisons Work on Radio 4's World Tonight with Winifred Tumim, his wife, as she propels us briskly from under her feet in the kitchen towards his study.

"A terribly ugy woman, what," giggles Tumin as he leads the way to his den at the leads the way to his defi at the back of the house, a crown's throw from Buckingham Pal-ace. In the passage, he stum-bles over a painting he thinks might be a Tissot and "worth a lot of money, I hope". Then he pours us both a sherry and sumounces the official way to announces the official way to address him now is as "his honour Stephen Tumin. I don't use it myself of course,

but the point is I'm no longer called a judge' Much to the Home Secretary Michael Howard's relief, Stephen Tumin is no longer called Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Prisons either. After eight years of consistently emberrassing the Govimmunt with a series of reports on the abyemal state of

Britain's prisons, Tumin left the post last November, his contract unrenewed. But his talent to embarrasa nains gloriously intact. Last

facilities worse than those en-visaged by the Victorians. But what exactly has Tumin been up to since his release? Oh orking wildly hard, what," he says, eyes gleaming through his half moon glasse This is not a joke. Five minut later, he's still chanting fbrough his list of projects. There was the Channel 4 film in the Cayman Islands, a trip to St Helena "and back on a splendid ship to Cardiff," a trip

to Uganda examining prisons, a series of interviews with collectors for the Royal Academy Magazine; his chairmanship of a mental health tribunal; the Charlie Douglas Home fellowship to compare European fail sentences with ours; a research fellowship at "Toddy Hall" (St Edmund Hall, Oxford); a series of lectures at Cambridge; two series for BBC Television — one on European justice, the other on poverty and finally, he's supposed to be writing a book called A Judge Goes To Prison. And he insists on eight hours sleep a night.

Phew He stops for breath. "Tm overdoing it, aren't I? Retire-ment is okay if you're going to cabbage it, but if you're going to do things, you have to be selectiva. I haven't been, have I?"

Though Howard's decision not to renew his contract could hardly have come as a surprise, Tunim seems mildly disorientated by the decision. He was disappointed to be passed over for chairmanship

of the new Criminal Cases Review Authority and I wonder if he misses his old job? "I miss not having an office. Working at home, I feel I'm intruding during the day, I also full I had unfinituded busi-ness. I'm sorry I didn't get my

idea of industrial prisons where prisoners work for a real wage — accepted. It's not sufficiently politically attractive, you know." He glances across the room, with its log

hel about that? "I see the his-"Boy you deal with crime tory of prisons as a pendulum there are good periods and bad periods, progress and no pros. During the period after the 1990 disorders, there were some very heinful reports by Lord Woolf [Tumim contrib-uted to Woolf's report on Strangeways] and things looked good. But now the pentolum has swing the other way. We have gone backds, The things I see matter ing humanity and education. have been diminished. Why? Surely all the blame cannot be laid at the Conserva tives' door, after all it was lougias Hurd, the then Home Secretary, who appointed Tumim with a specific briat to go public on what he found. "That was a different time. Douglas Hurd appointed me to give people more knowledge ... about the prison system. It was a very liberal period, experi-ments were taking place under different culture. But the Come in!" dees are different now. Money's been cut, most prisons have been cut back by some thing like 40 per cent. Let me give you my short lecture on Channel 4, anyway they did a huge amount, it just wasn't on prisons." And he embarks on this horrid news." "Was it offensive or sionate defence of justice rather than punishment, on cation rather minimum noffensive "She said you were very ACCRETICATION OF THE OWNER.

lepands on what sort of people "Hurray!" proclaims you send to prison. We tend to send men, under 25, who come Tumim "More sherry?" asks from broken homes and did very badly at school because they didn't try very hard and played truant, what one might Vinifred. call yobs. They're not very dangerous, and they desper-ately need proper training. moral, social and academic education. It's a very demand ing and hard job for the prison vice. If you cut down the

"No thank you. What time's "Eight o'clock, it's only baked potatoes and sausages I'm straid." "Good oh," says his honour. conservatory celling and a

good on justice."

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but it's parfectly obvious we don't agree on policy. I don't have any strong feelings about Michael Howard. Ha ha, He does, however, recall a strong feeling of hopelessne absorbed from going round certain prisons. 'Talways remember one young man. He was 17 and in for nicking motor cars. I asked him why, and he said he had a girlfriend and a child but no money, and

him," he chuckles. "Tve had tween prisoners and the hunch with him since I've left, ounity," he insists. For a long time, Tumim rose without trace. A barrister specialising in divorce, he did not take silk, and shuffled on to become a circuit judge. It was not a particular ambition. "Oh no, I simply thought I was working too hard so I became dge, ha ha." He was 57 when Hurd eventually plucked him from relative anonymity and gave him a high profile, some-thing he clearly relishes. Why then does he think he turned out to be such a remarkable inspector? "I'm very curious. I'm fairly independent." So what, I wonder, doesn't he like about himself? 'I have a low boredom threshold, I get bored easily and then I discon-nect." Did he mind the gradual freezing out by Whitehall? "I'm not too worried what people think, I'm fairly thick-skinned what ha ha." But didn't he feel exasperated by his sense of things going backwards. "I sc-cept politicians have their own nda which is concerned agenda which is concerned with votes. It's different to mine. I wanted only to report what I saw in prisons."

Over the baked potatoes and a bottle of Saint-Emilion 1962, he ponders once more on what he will do now. Holidays are spent walking in Scotland or Cornwall, though he is "very fond of the West Indies". Weekends are spent with his four grandaughters. Two of his three daughters, Olivia and na live near London (both are profoundly deat) while Matilda, an artist, lives in the Orkneys. But what about his weekdays? "I suppose if I were to call myself anything I would

Stephen Tamim . . . T'm soury I didn't get my idea of industrial prisons — where prisoners work for a real wage — accepted. It's not sufficiently politically attractive, you know

Tuesday, one week after How-ard's White Paper arguing that mandatory longer sentences would deter criminals, Tumin and a fellow group of legal experts published Prisons 2000, a book which argues precisely the opposite. And yesterday his influence

on the quality of prison life was felt yet again, with the Home Office concouncement that the prectice of "slopping out" had officially ended. The final pot was handed in at Armley Jail. in Leeds, prompting Paul Cavadino of the Penal Affairs Consortium to comment: "It's a tribute to Judge Tumim's tanacity that he never caused to harass the Government to improve sanitation." He added that without Tumim's persistence the prison service would still be faced with sanitary

fire bubbling and its bookshelves bursting with lovingly collected first editions of Laurence Sterne and Max Beerbohm: "I did think I must rush and write a book straight away. It's supposed to be about how I arrived at my views, but do you know, I've just read through bits of it and I find it bores me. Ha ha, what!" But as penal reformers tiscovered -- contrary to their

initial expectations --Tumin's views on prison are anything but boring. He is a firm believer in community service and rehabilitation rather than the short, sharp shock.

Alas, serving his time as chief inspector, he watched the prison population rise by al-most 20 per cent. How did he money, you are going to store up more crimes for the future. set of deli ciously bat-These boys will come out bit-ter, not trained and not fit for tured armchairs, Tumim's study has the work in the community we live appearance of a grand country in." He pauses for dramatic effect, "And they're going to be with us for another 50 years." house library. He and Wini-fred, an ex-SDP candidate and now chairman of the National Council of Voluntary Organi-sations, have lived here for So what does he recommand? "Ob, the cure for priaons lies in pre-primary educa-tion," then he laughs. "He he, what?" five years. Have they ever bee burgled, or victims of crime? I think I've been burgled once not seriously, though I did have a car nicked, by joyriders and it was completely burned out? But I don't think that's There is a knock on the door. "Apparently you some on the news after all," cries Winifred. "Sarah's just rung to say from Devon, it must have been

affected my views." Well, what about his views on Michael Howard, the least popular Home Secretary since Henry Brooke — father of Peter — held the post 30 years ago. "I don't pessionately hate

that when he came out, he'd probably do it again. I asked him if he had any ambition and he said he'd like to work for someone he respected. But he didn't know anyone he respected. I felt he was not unintalligent and one felt a total hopelessness about the whole thing." Would there be more hope under Labour? "I don't know, I can't get involved in party politics. I'm critical of

current policies." Fiddling with his bow tie, Tumim appears an odd mixture, somewhere between an old-fashioned Tory and a patrician Liberal, who loves lunch ing at the Garrick Club before Mall. "Oh, my views aren't liberal so much as those of activity, to close the gap be-

say I am a journalist.' He found the prison service in Uganda both liberal and caring, though there wasn't enough money even to buy the prisoners a football to kick around. "But their manner was impressive." Then he went to St Helena's, where they have a grand total of six prisoners. "I arrived at the prison. and the door was wide open and the officers had gone out to teal I said to the inmates 'Why don't you escape"? They said, Oh it's Sunday afternoon. Where would we go? "Time for the nine o'clock news," says Winfred.



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Shakespeare goes from Bard to verse in LA **GARY TAYLOR sees the playwright** 

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GREW up in South Philadelphis," the age-ing actor explained, his once rich voice an uneven his once rich voice at inteven nicotine screech. "It was a rough neighbourhood. But I was more afraid of Shake-speare than I was of Jack Dil-linger. Shakespeare wrote high-falutin' words that wars only understood by high-falu-tin' people and when you read him you found out you ward him you found out you were stupid." The actor was Jack Klug-man, most familiar as the slob

man, most taminar as the slob sports reporter in the long running American television show The Odd Couple. But the occasion of his remarks was an even odder coupling: the Sixth World Shakespeare Congress, held all this week in Los Angeles, a union of showbiz glitz and academic

nerd-earnestness. "The congress, which has convened every five years since 1971, is a triumph of international scholarly diplo-macy. More than 1,000 Shakespeareans from 40 countries are listed in the programme. which presents a unique snapshot of the current state of Shakespeare's global

reputation. Predictably, English lan-

Americans dominated this World Congress, as they have dominated all its predecessors. The real measure of power and prestige is the list of 95 invited speakers. The countries best represented on committee best represented at that list are India (four), Italy (four), Canada (five), Ger-many (five), Japan (six), the United Kingdom (17) — and the, United States (40). The only memorable talk I heard mas circum by the Harvard ubi-

only memorable talk I heard was given by the Harvard phi-losopher Stanley Cavell, who wittly criticised the preten-sions to analytical rigour of some "sceptical" literary theorists. Of course, it is impossible, without having six bodies, to attend every con-gress event. Parhaps critical fireworks were exploding in every session I did not attend.

or perhaps not. One session I did attend was billed as "Shekespeare Does Hollywood", an occasion on which "the stars of stage, screen, television, and the music industry" would "do" Shakespeare. After all, what Los Appeles means, for most

Snakespeare. After all, what Los Angeles means, for most people, is Hollywood. Hollywood, it turns out is mostly populated by medio-cre, under-employed perform-ments of the names on the ers. Few of the names on the

programme were recognisproceedings: but Shakespeare proceedings: but Shakespeare belongs to the United States

The hit of the evening was a group of elementary school

children performing Pyramus And Thisbe, including a very small, very cute black boy as the Lion.

even bothered to memorise their lines; they just read them, usually badly. A long musical number - supposedly but inexplicably "inspired by Macbeth" - took seriously schmalizy romantic clichés which Shakespeare

was mocking four centuries ago ("Your eyes are the colour of my dreams"). Joan van Ark, of Knots Landing, dedicated to The women who have lost their lives to domestic violence" a self-indulgent reading of Son-net 116, hurling herself about

the stage in a black gown, surrounded by six mute men who served no demonstrable purpose, at the end melodramatically pulling a small book from her hotics and tossing it University of Alabama



which sh slammed shut. Dark-Applause for everything. The audience clapped hands, kept time, and even sang along when Al Woolson of 1955. Applause.

The rest was kitsch. Some of the performers had not

along when Al Woodson of The Temptations sang his an-cient hit single. My Ghi. This, of course, had absolutely nothing to do with Shake-speare, but the audience didn't mind. didn't mind. After a long day of listening to undistinguished papers, they were just happy to be intere, happy to feel that what they did in their classrooms and libraries was somehow part of the play of

part of the glory Hollywood "I hear you say What can make me feel this

My bard, talkin' bout my bard." Gery Taylor is the author of

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Reinventing Shakespeare. He teaches English at the

### That ain't no way to treat your rabbi **RONALD BERGAN** on the Gentile

### portrayal of Jews in US movies

ARLON Brando got it partly wrong on CNN the other night. In discussing the portrayal of Jews in the movies, he could not see that they have been almost as racially stereo-trand or "the nimes and the typed as "the nigger and the greaseball ..." He went on to claim that "we never saw the kike because they know perfectly well that that's

where you draw the wagons around." Most of the moguls might have been Jewish in Holly-wood but Jews were either

invisible or caricatured as much as they were later ide-alised. There has been an im-plicit anti-Semitism in films over the years, from patronising ethnic comedies or schmalizy melodramas such as The Jazz Singer (1927), to

Schindler's List (1993), in which the Jews are pathetic victims saved by a handsome gentile. For most of Hollywood's history, stars had to hide their Jewish origins behind

Aryan names like Kirk Douglas (Issur Danielovitch Demsky). However, it was. permissible for certain supporting actors or comedian like The Marx Brothers, George Burns or Phil Silof vers, to have Jewish names,

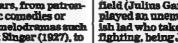
because Jews were "characters" or fanny, not heroic or When Otto Preminger was casting the role of the idealistic Zionist freedom fighter in Exodus (1960), he naturally chose the handsome. my people go!"

late sixtles, with the succes of Dustin Hoffman in The Graduate, that others like Barbra Streigand and Pich ard Dreyfuss were allowed to make their mark. Once a character is pro-

> Levene. It is up to gentiles Robert Mitchum and Robert Young to expose him as the murderer, and to preach tolerance. Even in a boxing drama like Body and Soul (1947), in which John Gar-field (Julius Garfinkle)\_ played an unemployed Jew ish lad who takes up prize fighting, being Jewish was n iss

> > have been called "chicken soup for the soul" has per-petuated the reputation of the nebbish who falls for Wasp goddesses (Diane Kea-ton, Mia Farrow and Helena Bonham-Carter). He has also sentimentalised Jews such as the spiritual rabhi in Crimes And Misdemeanors or he sees them as warm, though vulgar and lifesaving agents. Hollywood movies have done little for the image of Jews over the years, and one cannot blame Jewish comedian Mort Sabl who, half way through the 220-minute Exodus, stood up and shouted: "Let

claimed a Jew in a movie, a problem arises. In the 1947 film noir Crossfire, Robert Ryan is a rabid, Jew-hating soldier who murders Sam



The Guardian Saturday April 13 1996 18 ARTS

The Vatican recently issued a list of recommended movies. The Guardian asked representatives of other denominations to nominate their top 10 films and explain why. Below, DEREK MALCOLM analyses the surprising results

# I he greatest story ever told

NY FILM BUFF wishing to convert and wonder ing which religion would be the most appropriate really only has one choice. The Catholic church's list is head and shoulders above the rest. It's good to see that the Vatican has mellowed after years of repression and censorship. Admittedly the list, sancuoned by the Pontifical Council bas been thought about longer and harder than those of other religions, who were asked by the Guardian to come up with films at short notice. But who would have thought

that Pasolini, the Marxist, would be included for his once controversial Gospel According To Saint Matthew, or proclaimed agnostic Ingmar Bergman's The Seventh Seal, let alone Britain's The Lavender Hill Mob"

The list isn't hot on Hollywood and concentrates on Europe: but it is cine-literate tolerant, politically minded and by no means pooh-poohs sheer entertainment value. The tackiest list, alas, comes

#### Catholics



The Valican's list has three categories: Religion, Values and Art.

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from my own church, the C of E. Amazingly, the Richard Gere/Julia Roberts Pretty Woman fol-de-rol, the fairly dire comedy Nuns On The Run and Ask A Policeman, the old Will Hay farce, are on the list. The Life Of Brian, given such a hard time by some churchmen

at the time of its release. Is now officially forgiven. The British Humanist ssociation also include The Life Of Brian. Not so surprising in their case. They have opted for the life affirming and simply pleasurable. Top of the list is Singin' In The Rain. Good to see Juzo Itami's Tam popo, a rare film from Japan,

nostly about food and sex. The Friends of the Western Buddhist Order have provided an intriguing list. Two contro-versial Christain movies — The Life Of Brian and Scorsese's The Last Temptation Of Christ get a mention the only Scorsese film on anyone's list. despite his redemptive

efforts)., There's also Groundhog Day — an inspired choice when you think about its lateral take on reincarnation. Cu riously, only one Eastern film -

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gets in - Why Did Bodhid-hama Leave For The West? (South Korea).

The National Council for Hindu Temples did better in this respect, including Mira Nair's Salaam Bombay!, the Indian classics Mother India and Sardar but — would you credit it?— Spielberg's ET as well as Schindler's List.

The Chief Rabbi's office produced an eclectic list; along-side Schindler's List and The Chosen (from the Chaim Potok novel and not the awful Omen seguel), there is also the recen Shawshank Redemption, and Rain Man --- inspirational if not religious.

The Muslim list is an interesting mix — especially, the choice of La Haine, last year's controversial French film about three young people fighting the police in a Parl-sian housing estate. But it's a ne nobody thought of the great Satyajit Ray. Most of the lists prove that

not everybody has as copious a pile of movies to call upon as film critics, so Citizen Kane is mentioned only once. Ozu's Tokyo Story — one of the great humanist movies — not at all; and the kind of master works

that tend to get again and again on to Sight And Sound's list of choices from the world's critics and film-makers, pub-lished each decade, get shortsh shrift But all the lists make some

cind of sense, even the silly old C of E's, determined at all costs to be jolly and populist. And the Catholic list is there for everyone to emulate; this is the kind of collection everyone should see, before, after or during conversion

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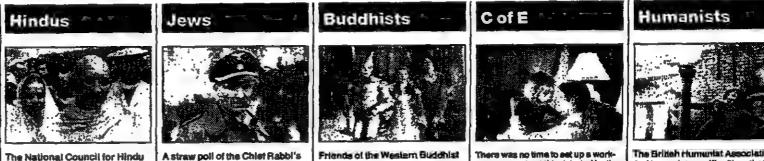
minister's polled saw



The National Council for Hindu Temples: Traditional Indian selection is chosen by some of ilms last three hours or more. our ministers and is in no parlicular order. We like well-shot Their purpose is to entertain, and in that sense they provide films with good acting and good dialogue that are prepared to means of escapism. Our choices would re-energise the body and the mind, as well as ment. The Magnificent Seven is the spirit within. In the process of selecting our lavourite films



Python's progress . . . Life Of Brian now has official sanction from the Church of England. The Buddhists and Humanists dig it too



itty Buddhist theme, such a

A straw poll of the Chief Rabbi's duced this list. Sorry we Order, one of Britain's biggest couldn't stick to TO -- Diere are Buddhist movements: The filme so many great movies --- and we in this list represent honesty and people getting to grips with then selves. Some of them are of an were unable to decide on a running order. Many of the films cho sen reflect specifically Jewish themes, and also contain positive Beyond Rangoon and Why Did mone messages.

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There was no time to set up a work-ing party and get this debated by the ited by the Ing party and get this doubted by the General Synod; even if it had wanted to. So there is nothing official about this list. It was put together by asking people in the Communications Unit at Church House to list 10 favourite

As Humanists we like films that celebrate life and human achieve ment, that balance the gel-a-grip will will concern for of What's wrong with pleasure and fun? So Singin' in The Rain has to be number one for us. Films with a reasoned approach to athical diemmas suit us too --- hence Stephen Fream's movie of Roddy

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films and then arguing about them. In the end, we believe the list has

something for everyone and depicts many aspects of Christian faith;

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## Tomorrow's Waterworld

valve key. It was such a good invention that its producers called it Wizkey and entered it for The Prince of Wales Award for Innovation (Tomorrow's World, BBC2).

Valves connecting Britain's water-pipe network are hard to distinguish. According to presenter Howard Stableford. the wrong valves are sometimes opened, increasing the likelihood of leaks. This was not reassuring. A nationwide summer drought is looming and even the pros aren't sure which valves are which. But the Wizkey tells a water worker the iden-tity of a valve, enabling companies to spot leaks and monitor supply. Which is just as well, since we are going to need a lot more water in the fight against.

The secrets of the East

crime. Splash! Take that, you rotter! Not ordinary water but smart water — a product which, when wired to a house's alarm system, automatically sprays intruders and whatever they're pinch-ing. The water is laced with a chemical compound that fluo-resces when exposed to ultralet rays. This gives police a link between suspect and crime scene, and gives the criminal's face a rather attrac tive marbling effect in the

marketing department needs

right light. The best-named finalist was AgriSense, which presumably has little to do with beef farm ing. It had made a biological pest control system to destroy the Pink Bollworm which David Stevenson, Cha lives on cotton crops. It was called Selihate — AgriSense's Commissioning Editor for Youth, had more money to

to have a rethink about the CLASSICAL product name, unless it can also be sprayed on priests to Casken premiere, show which ones have been true to their vows. Royal Festival Hall We'll need more water, too,

to supply the cold showers for participants in the black Nestied between Vaughan Williams's Lark Ascend-ing and Holst's The Planets, nusic show Flava (Channel 4). In the video for Patra's the first performance of John Casken's Sortilège, commisragga number Dip and Fall Back a chorus of bottom-way ing women in hot pante was sioned by the Philharmonia, greeted by a salivating audi-ence of male voyeurs. In the eemed thoroughly at home. Casken's music has shifted film for 2Pac's Temptations, markedly in recent years and there was a game of strip poker in a hotel room. with the last two orchestral scores that he has written, the Amid the disprace of pop programming, which neglect black music despite its popu-lar appeal, Flava is a welcome Violin Concerto heard at last year's Proms, and now Sortilège, his preoccupations now seem decidely home-grown, exception. But it consists of only a half-bour of videos, some of which, were cut bru-tally short. It would be good if both in their literary associa-tions and their sense of place. Casken's sense of structure and musical timing grow ever more assured. In the new nnel 4'a work the orchestral writing. for a very large orchestra which includes such exotica es

bass obce and flugelhorn, is full of vivid strokes and beautifully imagined textures. Sortilêge derives — from a poem by Tennyson, Merlin And Vivtheme of innocence slowly revealing itself as something destructive. Though element of the two-movement scheme re programmatic, the musical processes seem almost symphonic: each of the movement moves from blameless lyricism towards a climax of earful proportions. But in each the context is different and the outcome of the catastrophe different too: in the first, there is a return to tranquillity, in the second movement there is no such release Leonard Slatkin's handling of the orchestra, though, is just is satisfying as the music shape, and as a display vehicle for a crack band the piece could have a bright future. Andrew Clements

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en — an idyll with the central

FONLY Thales had been a special advisor to York-KNOCKOUT RSC COMEDY shire Water. The first ever EXPERIENCE' philosopher believed water was the primary sub-Observer stance out of which everything else was formed. Surely he'd have found a way of reverting the vast quantities of air in Yorkshire reservoirs to their original form so people could bathe untroubled in Leeds this summer. More likely he'd have held out to be chairman of ICL But the best Yorkshire Water can manage is to back a firm which has made a new Martin Sherman's red hot comedy is set in 1940s Cairo



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ARTIN SHERMAN'S Some Sunny Day at London's Hampstead Theatre is an antic, slightly surreal, comedy about the possibility of tapping into one's real feelings while being an outsider in a foreign land. The setting is a cluttered Cairo flat, beautifully evoked in William Dudley's design. In 1942 with Rommel at the city gates. But Sherman is less concerned with military tactics than the obsessive behaviour of a group of people at a moment of national crisis. Horatio, who works in military propaganda, has fallen for a local belly-dancer to the dismay of his wife, Emily, who casts voodoo spells over the

object of his passion.

Meanwhile, Alec, a stiff-

upper-lip young officer, is torn

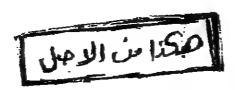
between the desert war and his passion for a supposed Kiwi journalist called Robin And the duchess, a mysterious European emigrée, stakes everything on catching the midnight train to Palestine. Sherman paints a vivid pic ture of a manic world in which everyone is considered a potential spy. But his real point seems to be that, in this topsyturvy society, people wake up to their true feelings. Just as Horatio is driven by erotic obession to wife-murder, so Alec acknowledges his gay-ness and the duchess her guilt over the death of her fellow-Jewish lesbian lover. The dénouement, involving extra-terrestrial flights of fancy. is too fey to be good. But the play has fascinating links

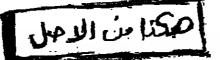
play, Bent, in which the hero discovers the possibility of love while a Dachau prisoner. It is a franctic but engaging play and, in Roger Michell's atmosphere-soaked produc-tion, it is acted to the hilt by an ace cast. Corin Redgrave as Horatio gives a remarkable display of sweating fixation and sexual possession, while Cheryl Campbell as his verge-ful wife is a model of derangement. Rupert Everett is also ethereally funny as the prophetic journalist who, as he says at one point, is more Gertrude than TE Lawrence. 🗅 Details: 0171 722 9301

**Michael Billington** 

This review appeared in some editions of yesterday's with Sherman's most famous broedsheet







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**Simon Wiesenthal has been** reviled as much by the Jewish establishment as the Nazi war criminals he has spent his life tracking down. In an exclusive extract from her new book, **HELLA PICK** explains why

# Hunter hero is now the haunted

IENNA'S nondescript garment district, though only minutes walk from its imperial palaces, is outside the normal tourist trek. There is nothing distinguished or distinguishing about Number 6. Salztor-gasse, a tall box-like block of flats. Hard to find because it is so discreetly small, one of its dozen or so nameplates car-ries the simple legend 'Dozumentationszentrum". You press the buzzer to be identid. Once inside there is no foyer, just a narrow stone-

payed passage to a slow-moving lift. Up to the second floor, and you find a bored policeman lounging on the staircase guarding the entrance to three shabbily furnished rooms, lined from floor to celling with box-files, books, and framed awards to Simon Wiesenthal. This has been the Nazi-hunt-er's cramped habitat for the past 21 years. Before that, for 15 years, he worked from a nearby building where he had still less space and creature conforts.

Visitors meeting Wiesenthal for the first time are invariably surprised by these surroundings. Even if they are aware that he does

not preside over an extensive

sleuthing network, they still

expect to find him in a grander

setting, more in line with his

international renown. But

they are wrong. The thread-bare office, the old desk

heaped high with papers, the

miniscule staff, the battered

office and his equally modest

suburban home all reflect this

singular man's character, and

car he drives between the

believes with single-minded passion that this process alone can forewarn future generations against neo-Nazism, Add to this Wiesenthal's convic-tion that war crimes trials are a vital tool of the healing pro-cess towards reconciliation, and it becomes easier to understand the grandlose ye tunnel vision that has consumed him for half a century. Now 87, Wiesenthal's only other craving is for recogni-tion of his achievements, of being seen as an uncomfort-able conscience that has forced the international community, particularly Gar-many and Austria, to confront the lessons of the Holocaust,

Though he is no newcomer to controversy, the recurring attacks on his integrity never cease to wound him deeply. By way of reassurance, he is proud of every honour that mes his way and has come to believe in his own mystique. I knew very little of all this when Lord Weidenfeld pro-

posed that I should write Simon Wiesenthal's biography. Wiesenthal's name is vir-tually synonymous with Nazi-

Holocanist and about genocide beyond the reach of historical revisionism. Firmly rejecting the concept of mass guilt, he



### CONTEXT 19

### **Photograph by** LEIF ENGBERG

WJC's resources behind the search. But nothing came of it. Instead, this incident fuelled a growing bitterness between Wiesenthal and the WJC. It was only in 1957 that Israel's secret service, Mossad, acting on information from the public prosecutor in Frankfurt, activated the search for Bichmann In Argentina which led to his capture three years later by a team led by the Mossad's chief at the time, isser Harel, During that period, Wiesenthal had sporadic contact with a Mossad team in Austria, but otherwise had no connection with this decisive stage of the hunt for Eichmann.

N 1961, Wiesenthal pub-lished his book, *I Furned Eichmann*. This gave a somewhat overblown ac-count of his endeavours up to 1954, but made no claims beyond that year, and was emphatic that many hands had been involved in Eichmann's capture. The book caught the popular imagina-tion. It brought Wiesenthal his first taste of fame and was the beginning of the legend that grew around him as a super-man Nazi-hunter. It prompted him to move to Vienna where he set up his Documentation Centre. He set his sights much higher now than he had done in Linz. His office in Vienna would "represent Austria's Jews in combating anti-Sem tism and neo-Nazism by pre-senting historical material; to collaborate with the Austrian and German judicial authori-ties, and with Jewish organisations involved with clearing up the question of war criminals; and to undertake research to set straight the historical record." But if Wiesenthal thought he had at last secured firm

foundations for his life's work, he was mistaken. For many years to come he was reviled in Austria for daring to attack the country's politi-cal establishment for flirting with former Nazis. This came to a head in a long-lasting, emblittered confrontation with Austria's socialist Chancellor, Bruno Kreisky. Neither man emerges with any glory from a combat in which the two vied with each other to cast doubts on their

Integrity, Kreisky's political beirs have concluded that his anti-Wisseminal offensive is a blot on the socialist leader record. They gave frank replies to my questions, and opened the inher recesses of the Kreicky archive. Today Wiesenthal is honoured in Austria as a national icon who rightly demanded that Aus-tria acknowledge its complicity with Nazism instead of claiming, as it had onna for almost 50 years, that it was Hitler's victim. He has been awarded Austria's highest honours, and was chosen to speak at the UN last year on Austria's behalf to mark the fear of Tolerance. Wiesenthal's conflict with **Kreisky** had lasted until the former Chancellor's death. It was rapidly succeeded by a new battle — this time be-tween Wiesenthal and the leadership of the WJC, which has brought in reinforcements by way of the ex-Mossad man, Isser Harel, and of the two Nazi hunters, Serge and Beats Klarsfeld. The trigger for this battle was Wiesenthal's refusal to accuse Eart Waldheim of war crimes — though he branded him a liar unfit to hold public office — and his argument that pressure from the WJC against Waldheim's election as Austrian head of state only served to rekindle anti-Semitism in Austria. The

WJC asserts that Wiesenthal bungled in his initial attempts to search for the truth about Waldheim, and afterwards bought himself respect in Austria by objecting to the in-ternational campaign against

Waldheim. There is evidence that the WJC's antagonism towards Wiesenthal has far deeper Wiesenman has har deeper roots than the Waldbeim affair, going even further back than the Eichmann case. Even so, I was taken aback by the sheer venom and determi-nation to destroy Wiesenthal's reputation that I found in New York at the WJC head quarters, and in Washington with Eli Rosenbaum, formerly of the WJC and now baad of of the Justice Department's Office of Special Investiga-tions. Rosenbaum is co-author of Betrayat, a book published in 1993, which alleges that Wiesenthal engaged in a cover-up for Waldheim, These people describe Wiesenthal as a tragic figure, a charlatan with a long record of failure and ineptitude. They left me in little doubt that if I failed to in infection that it infection subscribe to their views, they would interpret my biography of Wiesenthal as a whitewash. Rosenbaum and his allies recycled their condemnation a few weeks ago in a German TV programme, which backfired on them because a spate of newspapers immediately sprung to Wiesenthal's

There has been an unrelenting tide of venom directed at Wiesenthal by the New York Jewish élite to destroy his reputation

defence. All it seems to have achieved is a rekindling of interest in Wlesenthal's

wiesenthal remains alert to the dangers of neo-Nazism, and combative, still campaigning for "justice not ven-geance", but also bent on de-fending his reputation. He knows that the Vienne Documaniation Cantre will not survive him. But it will not be allowed to disappear into oblivion. The Wiesenthal Cen-ter in the US — which bears his name but otherwise has no will inharit his archive and

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his chosen mode of operation in his unending quest to prevent Holocaust amnesia. Material surroundings and the trappings of running a sig-nificant organisation are alien and unimportant to Wiesenthal. This Jew from Galicia in southern Poland deliberately chose in 1945 to remain inside the Holocaust capsule, daily to relive his own war-time experiences in labour and death camps, and to feel, beyond mere intellectual reflection, the suffering of all the victims who failed to survive the Nazi depradattions. He recognised that this was bound to be a lonely exis-tence. But it fits both his individualism bred from constant embattlement, and also his belief that he was preserved for only one purpose: to deter the emergence of powerful neo-Nazi movements by rallying support for the arrest of Hitler's mass murderers and bringing them to trial. Vengeance has not been his motive - he is adamantly ą opposed to the liquidation of var criminals, and is even mainst the death penalty. Punishment can never equal the crimes committed

by a mass murderer. What matters, Wiesenthal has always argued, is to subject such people to the due process of justice. A court of law is capable of delivering evidence of individual guilt, and can establish the facts about the He is not driven by vengeance. He

does not even support the death penalty. He believes he was preserved for one purpose - to deter the emergence of neo-Nazi movements and bring Hitler's mass murderers to trial

hunting. Love him or hate him, be is one of the outstand ing individuals which this century has produced. Yet there were only his own two volumes of patchwork mem-oirs - The Murderers Amongst Us and Justice Not

Vengeance - and there was no comprehensive account or asessment of his life. Before a final decision to

write the biography was taken, I went to Vienna to meet Wiesenthal. It was obvious that the project would need his co-operation; but I was equally firm that he must not be allowed any editorial control. If he was only interested in eulogy, the exercise would be pointless. Like many others. I was initially taken aback by his surroundings. I was also surprised by his warmth, his humour and his emotionalism. And I was gripped by the vivid language he used to describe not only the long-past, but also conten porary events. Like many others I was impressed with his ability to spark attention and provoke thought. Under different circumstances,

Wiesenthal would surely have become a stellar figure in public relations.

He agreed to co-operate with me, insisting only that he should be allowed to check the manuscript for factual error. Of course there is often only a narrow divide between the correction of fact and editorial interference. But he kept to his word. He gave me as much time as I asked, and this added up to many days of questioning. He urged his wife and daughter to speak with me, and gave me unrestricted access to his archives. Though he knew that I was also interviewing some of his sharpest, toughest critics, he never once commented on the way I was researching the book. More

One man's lonely war. Wiesenthal has faced sniping from the World Jewish Congress as well as from fascist sympathisers

important, Wiesenthal made no attempt to use his factcheck as a backdoor method of tampering with the contents of the book, even though it was obvious to me, having come to know him well, that there is much material he would have preferred not to see at all, or at the very least presented differently. I would be blind not to real-

ise that Wiesenthal's "good be-haviour" has a great deal to do with the fact that, notwithstanding his shortcomings, not least his tendency to selfaggrandisement, he emerges in this biography as a sympathetic and significant figure. Starting without preconceptions, I came away fully con vinced that he deserves to be counted as one of the handful. of individuals who have helped to condition moral and ethical attitudes during a period of great upheaval and elf-doubt This conclusion has little to do with his prowess as a Nazi-hunter. Indeed, it quickly became obvious to me that the Nazi-hunter label — from which he does not demur - is in many ways, a misnomer.

of guilt, punishment and vened at crucial times to prevent the international murder phenomenon.

were recruiting former Nazis as intelligence agents, that the US deliberately

But Wiesenthal knew and Such a job description is far too narrow for a man whose ensed enough about the atmoover-arching concern has been to tackle the great issues spherics among the Ameri-cans with whom he had vorked in the immediate forgiveness in the wake of the Holocaust, and who has interaftermath of the war to realise that the Allies' concern to have Nazis purged from positions of power and influence In Germany and Austria was waning. Allied enthusiasm community from losing inter est in confronting the mass for war crimes trials was being eroded, and little pres-HEAD of many

sure was put on the German or Austrian authorities to bring others, Wiesen Nazi criminals to account. thal recognized in the early stages of the cold War that He was still more disap-pointed when he realised that the western allies the new state of Israel, preoccupied with the more immediate concerns of establishing and competing for Nazi scien its legitimacy and security, had put the capture and trials tists to help them in the arms race against the Russians. The full story of the comproof Nazi criminals way down its priorities.

Almost single-handed, Wie-senthal fought back to main-tain the search for war crimi-nals and to keep war crimes mises that were made in the late 1940s and early 1950s is still emerging. For example, it has only now become known trials on the international agenda. He had vowed to himrecruited former Austrian Nazla to man secret arms elf that he would devote his dumps and a communication life to ensure that neither the network put into Austria victims nor their murderers would be forgotten; and he gave up any thought of returnagainst a possible Soviet

ing to his pre-war profession as an architect, or of emigrating to Israel. Convinced that there was little purpose in con tinuing to work with the US occupation forces in Austria. he set up his first Documents tion Centre in Linz in 1947. which had as one of its main aims to collect evidence from concentration camp survivors before they dispersed to emake their lives.

He also wrote articles exposing Nazis, he spoke out at public meetings, and in private contact with the western allies, against any let-up of the search for suspected mass murderers, and for the imper-

atives of de-Nazification in public life. But Wiesenthal's most graphic and far-reaching achievement during this period was to persist in searching for Adolf Eichmann even when others were ready to give up. He understood ahead of many that an Richmann trial would bring to light such horrendous, detailed evidence of the Nazi killing machine that it would force a great soul-searching in Germany and Austria to come to terms with the past. He also judged that Holocaust denia) would lose the last shreds of credibility.

Quite likely his most important contribution to the hunt for Eichmann came in 1947, when he prevented Vera Elchmann, who was living in the Austrian village of Altaussee, from having her husband cer tified as dead. Had Mrs Eichmann succeeded, the book on **Bichmann might have been** closed there and then. In 1953. Wiesenthal also found out ac cidentally, from a postcard shown to him by a fellow stamp-collector -- his only hobby - that Eichmann was in Argentina. Together with a summary of all the evidence he had collected about Eichmann, he passed this information on to Nahum Goldman, President of the World Jewish Congress. He anticipated that Goldmann would put the CAMERA PRESS

rebuild his Documentation Centre office in its Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles as a lasting record of his endeav-ours and of his relevance to contemporary conflicts and racial discrimination.

There will certainly be more to Wiesenthal's legacy his message is not unrelated to the growing international acceptance of war crimes trials because of their intrinic importance in document ing the unbearable. Similarly, his campaign for justice has contributed to the widely-held view that such trials are an essential part of eventual reconciliation in Bosnia, Rwanda or wherever else there is evidence of genocide and ethnic cleansing It is too early to know how

future generations will see Wiesenthal. But it is not too soon to understand the significant contribution that he has made towards allowing the post-war generation of Germans and Austrians to come to terms with the Hold caust. When the history of the past 50 years is written. Wiesenthal will surely count among its beroes.

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Having survived the extermination camps, Wiesenthal was driven by the need to keep their memory alive

### 20 OBITUARIES

### Dan Wolf

# A vision of the Village

1955 the first edi-tion of New York's Village Voice was published. Its founding group in-cluded a sometime psychologist, Ed Fancher, a roving journalist from Sheffield, John Wilcock, the novelist Norman Mailer, and, as editor, Dan Wolf, who has died aged 80. Mailer provided the title and with Fancher put up the \$10,000 launch money. The weekly newspaper that Wolf edited from the 1950s into the 1970s was to transform radical journalism in the West.

Greenwich Village in the mid-1950s was an enclave for radicals, artists and people on holiday from the Eisenhower America of conformity, Jim Crow racism and red-baiting. It was also the focus of a city that had inherited the artistic avant garde from the wreckage of post-war Europe, and added bebop, abstract expres-sionism, new theatre, new writing. Thus was Wolf attracted to the area, an itinerant in search of art, life and community but no paper de-fined that community.

Wolf was a New Yorker, born on the Upper West Side, the son of an antiques dealer, who had died in his fifties and plunged the family into genteel poverty. Dan Wolf had fol-lowed the American Bohe-mian trail to pre-war Europe, and the wartime path to the

Pacific with the intelligence section of the United States Army Air Force. Post-war he studied — via a government grant to ex-servicemen --- at the New School of Social Research in Greenwich Vil-lage. It was there that he met Fancher and Norman Mailer. The novelist and future editor had adjacent flats in Greenwich Village By the mid-1950s Mailer was

a famous, controversial novel-ist while Wolf remained a 40year-old ex-serviceman in search of a career. The Voice was to provide it. The first edi-tion sold 200 copies and in its early days, as it lost \$1,000 a week, it was widely assumed to be communist, since it ran articles on folk singers. With the easy benefit of hindsight, two things stand out from Wolf's early Voices. The first is their parochial-ism, It was very much the local paper, detailing new coffee shops, dry cleaners, and rent outrages. The second,

vas its conservatism, as Mailer, within three months of the launch, proclaimed in his regular, if shortlived, voice column. But what Wolf succeeded in doing was to crystalise a community, via a paper. For those who weren't artists, poets or jazz musicians the Voice pro-

vided a forum, a point of con-tact, a definition of style, just as the New Yorker had done in

1966 the paper had instituted its annual off-Broadway theatre awards, going then to the likes of Shelley Winters and Jason Robards Jnr. At a time of paranoia it offered a form of politics that slipped under that Cold War ideologi cal radar screen which pin-pointed reds and subversives. Wolf's persona, the tweed-jack eted, pipe smoking liberal was disarming in itself. The Greenwich Village of the late-1950s was a place with still thriving local industry, a Tammany Hail political ma-chine, and the threat of a vast new four-lane highway run-

ning through the core of the area. Wolf aligned the paper with the successful battle against the freeway, and became a friend of a rising young "reform" politician, Ed Koch. **Cammany** was organised labour, good fellas, and blue

Crystalising a community . . . the Village Voice put Dan Wolf at the heart of radical journalism in New York GN 88054 collar. Koch then was a trailer for the style of later decades; middle class radicalism and

sion of Living Theatre, Timo-thy Leary, Warhol's Factory and woman's liberation into the era of Watergate. By then it had a circulation of course 150 000 - constinue page By the end of the decade Wolf was editing a paper that of over 150,000: a opetime parhad taken on writers like Nat ish paper now billing itself as "the weekly newspaper of New York", and boasting a healthy Hentoff, the cartoonist Jules Feiffer and the film critic and film-maker — Jonas Mekas. By the early 1960s old profit margin. But Wolf and Fancher — Tammany was crippled, and in 1963 a daily newspaper Mailer had parted company in the 1950s and Wilcock in the strike triggered an explosion 960s --- wanted some finan-

in the Voice's circulation. ial reward for their efforts. So, while remaining on the paper, they sold 30 per cent of the company to a socialite pol-Soon after. the civil rights and anti-war movement produced a wave of papers that used Wolf's Voice format for more the company to a socialite pol-itician, Carter Burden, Four radical ends. Wolf, an ideologiyears later. to Wolf's chagrin, cal child of the 1940s and a man of the 1950s, gradually the Voice was merged into Clay Felker's New York mag zine company. Wolf briefly en-countered the beautiful people slipped out of sympathy with remained one of the new poli-

before being effectively ousted from the Voice. In 1977 the Voice began its nine-year



In 1990 Koch lost office, but Wolf remained as a confidant and adviser. The Voice Wolf shaped was a forum and a cat alyst, the forerunner of 1960s radical papers, 1980s style glossies, and listings magazines from New York to Bang-

Light rally at Westminster Central Hall in the autumn of 1971, when Cliff Richard and other speakers were horrified by scenes of mayhem as "nuns" danced a can-can and "repenting" gays gave fake testimony. There were also "kiss-ins" in public parks. residency within Rupert Mur-doch's empire. That year too demonstrations and street theatre, leading, on occasion to court appearances at which the legal proceedings were

themselves mocked and parodied. Although GLF was proba bly most effective when at its most theatrical. Bob hunself was a deeply serious, shy and thoughtful person, whose in-fluence — in a radically demo cratic movement with no leaders but many flamboyant

personalities — was an intelectual and conciliatory one. When splits inevitably occurred between revolutionary Marxists and those who favoured a strategy of "radical drag", he wrote a pamphlet attempting to bring the warring sides together seeking to preserve the unity of the movement.

Indeed, in the long term, although GLF as an organisation burnt itself out, its vision - and here Bob played a key role — was the start of grow-ing confidence and political determination in the lesbian and gay community, almost creating the basis for this community as it exists today

established routes to success and any cut and dried ideological solutions to the questions

OB MELLORS who | that troubled him. (I remem ber him sitting in my kitchen and worry mg about the unhas been murdered in Warsaw at the age of helpfulness of Louis Alth-usser's famous essay Ideolog-ucul State Apparatuses as a 46, was a founder member of the British Gay Liberation Front (GLF). In guide to moral conduct). the summer of 1970 he visited His philosophical quest New York with a fellow gay resulted in a growing fascination with the central Euro-pean conman and guru Char-lotte Bach, who spent the American gay political milisecond half of his life as a tancy that, on their return, they called a meeting at LSE woman. Bob pursued exhaus tive research into Bach's life to set up a similar movement. Soon meetings grew to sevand work, whose writings reeral hundred strong, and this hugely successful initiative worked Darwinian theory in a more hedonistic and less inaugurated a two-year period of outrageous militanende exchal ate sp

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Glad to be gay . - and radical

**Robert Mellors** 

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One of the high points was the invasion of a Festival of

utilitarian direction. Bob, who was at that time working at the Electric Cinema box office in the Portobello Road, would travel long distances to interview surviving friends of Bach, sometimes surprising them with revelations of the transformation whereby Carl became Charlotte after his wife's death. Bob dedicated himself to gaining public recognition for Bach's work and had completed a major biog-



Mellors: from LSE to Poland

raphy of this extraordinary character, but had not yet found a publisher for it at the time of his death.

In recent years he had found happiness in Poland. There he felt that a more oldfashioned society in which men and women led rather is therefore a tragic irony that his death (apparently during a burglary in his flat) could be seen as part of the Westernisation" of his adopted country with an attendant rise in crime.

#### Elizabeth Wilson

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bank. His designs of brilliant translucent colours reminded one of Edward Burra, Beardsley, and of his tutor, Nicholas Georgiadis. Spurling had a talent for de-Peter Snow

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kok. He leaves his wife, a daughter and a son. **Nigel** Fountain Deniel Wolf, journalist, born Ma 25, 1915; died April 11, 1998

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# Lenders fear exchange rate spectre

#### Teress Hunter

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ders warn yesterday that any attempt to on any housing market recovery. force the UK nto a revamped European exchange rate mechanism would have dire consequen for the housing market. Average house prices began to fall almost immediately Britain entered the Exchange Rate Mechanism in October 1990, going from a peak of 266,811 at the end of that year to £63,117 three months later. By the time we pulled out in September 1992 prices were beading down towards £61,000, where they lingered for some time before gradu-ally easing to the current aver age price of £63,210. Halifax general manager David Gilchrist said it would be wrong to blame the ERM exclusively for prices falling but admits that it deepened

the recession. He said: "We

would certainly be very con-

cerned at any prospect of returning to a regime which meant higher and more vola-

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UBS analyst Rob Thomas went as far as to describe any link between European cur-rencies and sterling as "a diaster" for homebuyers. He said: "The market is still struggling to survive the last dose of pain inflicted on it by the ERM." Their warnings came as Chancellor Kenneth Clarke egan talks with EU finance

ministers in Verona at the en of a week which had seen a variety of good news for Brit-ain's 10 million mortgage The Nationwide cut its

mortgage rates to 6.74 per cent - the lowest for 30 years, reducing monthly repaym on a £50,000 loan by £20 to £326.08 as against £565.07 when mortgage rates peaked in 1990.

A quarterly house price sur-vey from the Halifax revealed that values rose by 1.5 per cent over the past three months,

The housing market House prices and mortgage rate changes in the ERM. Sterling Jeaves ERM enters ERM Mortgage rate House prices

with prices in some regions tile interest rates. Anything particularly buoyant. Honses in the South east now cost 2.2 per cent more which would cause borrower to worry about a return to ouble-digit interest rates would have a negative impact than at the end of last year and

1.3 per cent more than a year ago. Greater London saw prices rise by 2.8 per cent over the quarter. Similarly, house prices in the North grew by 2.2 per cent and in the South-west prices were up 1.5 per cent.

Two reports revealed a sharp drop in the numbers of people in negative equity, now below the one million mark for the first time since 1992. UBS estimates that rising prices have released 280,000 families from the blight. And Woolwich economist Martin

Ellis said his report, due next week, would confirm these figures. Lenders are eagerly await-ing April's mortgage transac-tion and house price figures for the final proof that the long-awaited recovery in the

housing market has begun and can be sustained. For the time being they pro fer to remain sceptical, al-though, with mortgage repayments eating up just 11 per cent of a flist-time buyers' earnings compared with 30 per cent in 1990, the signs are

good. Lenders are less concerned about the impact of a pending general election, believing a Labour victory at the polls would not have a negative im-pact on recovery, although the Woolwich's Martin Ellis warned borrowers not to exrises, whoever wins. He said: "Low inflation means prices will not rise so high, and will

fall again when the cycle turns down. Negative equity i here to stay.

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Cracks begin to appear as house market eases

> in June, but the couple fear that without a saleable house they will have no cap-ital to fund their HE Insurance Ombuds

man has thrown a lifeline to some desperate homeowners by promising the speedler handling of disputes over subsidence claims. But while the move could help free up the market, any increase in prop-erty sales is likely to reveal the full scale of the subsitence problem. And insurers are already warning that thousands of nomeowners face another summer of subsidence because the low rainfall this winter has failed to replace moisture in clay soil. Wrangles over subsi-dence can stretch on for years, blighting any pros-pect of moving for sufferers After seven years waiting for their insurer to proceed with underpinning, Jacque line and Brian Kitching bave decided go to the Insurance Ombudan nan. The couple bought their house in Stockton-on-Tees in 1971 but only became aware that it was affected by subsidence in 1977 when their lender, the Abbey National refused an advance on their

tan Wylie

mortgage. In 1989, when large cracks began to appear in the hall and living room, they made a claim against their Legal & General buildings insurance policy. L&G's loss adjuster agreed that underpinning was necessary, but when the sur-veyor estimated the cost of iderpinning work at \$80,000, the insurer appointed new surveyors and retreated from its original commitment to mderpinning.

In the seven years since the Kitchings made their claim, the insurance company has spent just £9,000 on replacing drains, rain-proofing one of the bedrooms and felling some mature trees. Mr Kitching is a retired schoolteacher and

The full scale of the prob lem will only emerge when bomeowners planning to sell call in the surveyors for property valuations as the market revives. In anticipa tion of rising costs, many insurers are raising premi-

ums while others, such as AA Insurance, now offer policies which exclude sub sidence cover. The average subsidence

claim takes at least two years to process but, at a conference this week orga-nised by the Subsidence Claims Association, home-owners swapped tales of in-surance companies which have delayed settlements by several years.

The conference urged des perate homeowners to approach the insurance Om-budsman. Dorothy Rickman, principal assis-tant to the ombudsman, said the office has cleared its backlog and advised policyholders to approach the ombudsman now before the an-ticipated surge in complaints in two or three

years time. After subsidence claims peaked in 1991 at £550 million, the ombudsman's office was flooded with complaints and policyholders were forced to wait up to four months. Now Mrs Rickman says ombudsman staff begin working on subsidence complaints within a week or two of receiving all the documents.

Before policyholders can approach the ombudsman they need a letter from their insurance company agreeing that an impasse has been reached and that the insurer's own complaints procedures have been ex-hausted. Mrs Rickman said some insurers have a change of heart when they realise the policyholder is serious about contacting



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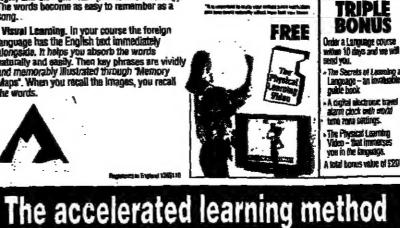


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Saturday Notebook Railtrack regulator offers unprecedented guarantees 

 Ministers seek to placate wary City investors

Watchdog offers easy ride Old Lady wins by playing leap-frog

Simon Beavis Lisa Buckl and Rebecca Smith

commercial background, un-like Prof Littlechild, who is an The regulatory assurances are also designed to counter-OHIN Swift, the rail

watchdog, is under-stood to be offering an unprecedented guarantee to Railtrack investors that there will be no nasty regulatory surprises once the industry joins the private sector. The Government has put

pressure on Mr Swift to assur big City investors that there will be no upsets, following last year's debacle over the le of shares in National Power and PowerGen. Then the electricity regula

tor, Stephen Littlechild. sparked an outcry from investors by announcing he was to rewrite price controls, causing the new shares to plunge below their issue price on the day they were floated. This week the National

Audit Office, publishing its report into the electricity sell off, said that 91 per cent of big institutions were more reluctant to buy shares from the Government following the

flasco. Although Railtrack advisers dismiss investors' state ments as posturing — in part designed to talk down the share flotation price — they are rattled by the potential threat of a boycott, which would jeopardise not only the rail float but also the sale of nuclear power stations which follows hard on its heels.

So the regulator is expected to include in next Monday's pathfinder prospectus a lengthy defence of price controls governing Railtrack, which owns the national rail and signalling network and the country's 14 biggest stations.

Potential investors have been told that, unlike other watchdogs, he has been in post for two years and there-fore intimately involved in drawing up the pricing struc-ture. He has stressed that Railtrack needed to be put under a a tough, inflation-linked deal to bring prices down if it was to be a credible private sector operation.

It is also being stressed that

act the increasingly potent threat by Labour to bring Rail-track under much stricter control if it is elected. The assurances follow this week's resignation of the di-rector of rail franchising, Roger Salmon, who is thought privately to regard the Railtrack flotation as creating a

Mr Swift is a lawyer with a

potentially dangerous nonopoly. Although the Government knew as long ago as December that Mr Salmon wished to stand down, the announce

ment of his departure just five days before the pathfinder prospectus is published is ex-pected to heighten City fears about the sell-off. Labour is hoping to capital-ise on those concerns by

aunching a Commons debata next Wednesday on the sale and Mr Salmon's resignation. It will be the first big test of the Conservatives' precarious me seat majority. The Government is aware

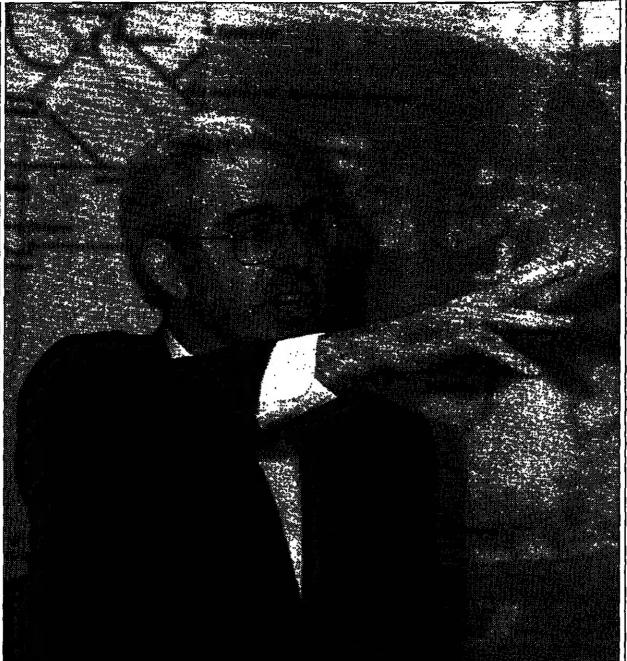
that any problem with the Railtrack sell-off in May could lerail its plans to privatise British Energy, the nuclear power company, a month

To pre-empt any public fu-rore over the sale, it has insisted that Railtrack's directors, led by Robert Horton, should not receive any share options and must wait at least four years before receiving any substantial performance bonus.

Ministers will try to present the pay structure as comply-ing strictly with the Cadbury and Greenbury codes of corpo ate ethics. Although Mr Horton, who was forced out of British Pe-

troleum, is regarded as highly paid as part-time chairman of Railtrack, ministers have insisted that his pay will not rise sharply after the privatisa-

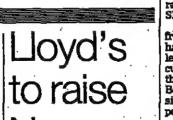
Other utility bosses enjoyed large pay rises and instant share-option windfalls when their companies were sold off, n part prompting the Greenbury inquiry into top pay.



Now departing . . . Roger Salmon, at yesterday's Network South Central press conference. His resignation — allegedly after privately expressing disquiet about rail sale --- is expected to heighten institutional anxieties PHOTOGRAPH: MAX MUMBY

## Bank of | Exchange launches inquiry into | Lloyd's England leaked MMC electricity report to raise

es when he return



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### Edited by Alex Brummer

HB Bank of England may have suffered slings and arrows for its lapses in the supervision of Barings, but to its credit it seems will-ing to learn from its mistakes. In the process, deputy gov-ernor Howard Davies, who is taking a special interest in

regulatory matters, and Michael Foot, the new direc tor of supervision, appear to be reasserting their rights as the City's lead regulator. The Bank seems to have taken on pre-emptive powers over activities not normally within its purview, which will proba bly be a cause of consterna-tion at the Securities and Investments Board, not to mention the Securities and Futures Authority. However, because the SIB, it seems, has played no role in cleaning up the post-Barings mess, and the SFA under its new chairman, Nick Durlacher, has shown a notable lack of openness and decisive-ness in bringing discipline to those within its sights, they do not have much cause to com-

plain about a more aggressive Bank of England. There is no point in regulators sitting around worrying about turf wars when they should be spending their time preventing the next financial failure.

Under the new regime, which takes effect from Mon day, the Bank of England will take upon itself the authority to commission special account iants' reports not just into the main banking operations of fi-nancial organisations but other activities, too. This means, for instance, that the Old Lady will have the power to send its accountants into the securities and derivatives arms of City organisations rather than leaving this to the SFA and others.

In effect, the Bank is leapfrogging the difficulties which have arisen at international level, between banking and se curifies regulators, and, on the recommendations of the Board of Banking Supervision, is taking unto itself new

powers. Under these arrangements vatised power monoliths

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it be nice if . . . " Nonetheless, the ensuing calculations about how the state-owned German company would involve itself in the latest round of consolida tion within the telecommuni cations industry serves to underline that Mercury remains the key to any change of ownership at C&W.

BT, as the only openly de clared suitor for C&W, would prefer to have Mercury's future ownership determined before it locks itself into the terms of a merger. Even if a BT/C&W deal could be agreed in principle, it would be fiendishly difficult to negotiate in

A big headache is C&W's controlling stake in Hong Kong Telecom. Any offer for the former makes a bid for the outstanding shares in the lat-

ter mandatory, hence the idea of C&W bidding for BT. Whatever happens on that front, BT knows it will not be allowed to keep Mercury, so getting that question out of the way in advance would make life a little easier.

Of course, BT and C&W could link up without settling Mercury's future. The regula-tory authorities might be persuaded to nod through a deal, provided it included a promise to sell Mercury within a speci-fied time. The snag is that if time threatened to run out. BT/C&W could be faced with disposing of Mercury at a firesale price, just to meet the terms of the bid approval.

Perhaps Deutsche Telekom will ask C&W to wait until its own privatisation is closer. Then it could offer itself to the British company as a trade sale

### Electric shock

**IRECTORS of National** Power and PowerGen have every excuse for sore heads this morning after reading accounts of what the Monopolies Commission has recommended on their bids for two regional electricity companies. The pain is the ort you get from celebration. not the proverbial blunt instrument.

The MMC panel - five experts including a trade union-ist and an academic --- has taken a soft line. Although the generators expected to get their bid proposals through the three-month inquiry, they never dreamt they would do so on the basis of three flimsy conditions.

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## widens powers

### Sarah Whitebloom

-HE Bank of England yesterday announced a significant increase in its powers to investigate the activities of financial institutions, in an effort to prevent a repeat of the rings scandal.

For the first time, the Bank will be able to look at their non-banking operations. From Monday, it will be able to commission a financial group's accountants to produce reports on any of the group's businesses including broking, derivatives trading or foreign exchange dealing. According to the Bank, it

will be able to call for information on any business which may have a material impact on a bank. It will also be able to

demand reports on a firm's overseas operations. The crisis which led to the

collapse of Barings last year started in its Singapore-based derivatives operation. Although the Bank was Barings' chief regulator. it had no direct control over the office which led to the institution's collapse The Bank maintained

yesterday that its new power would not bring it into conflict with other regulator such as the Securities and Futures Authority, which currently oversee nonbanking operations. A Bank spokesman emphasised that regulators worked closely together to ensure there was no

duplication or overlap. But the move significantly widens the Bank's sphere of influence over the financial world. And it reinforces the appearance of the Bank as the ding City regulator over and above the Financial Services Act watchdogs, led by the Securities and

Investments Board. In a further effort to prevent a second Barings-style scandal, the Bank will also be able to demand comprehensive reports on an ad hoc basis, when there has been a "significant change" in a bank's business or where a reakness has been identified. At present, reports by a

firm's auditors are commissioned on a routine, annual basis.

Generators' share prices rise sharply as Labour claims Government competition policy undermined by lack of integrity. CHRIS BARRIE and SIMON BEAVIS report

HE STOCK Exchange launched an inquiry yesterday into the leak of a highly confidential report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission recommending that bids for two regional electricity companies (Recs) by power generators be cleared by the Government. The report, the latest embarrassing leak involving price-sensitive information in the power sector, is said to urge that Trade and Industry Secretary Ian Lang wave through bids by National Power and PowerGen for Southern Electric and Mid-Lands Electricity respectively. The takeovers could usher in new bids. leaving the industry dominated by about six generating and distribu-tion combines. The leak in the Economist sparked Labour protests that

the Government's competition policy had been undermined. Shadow energy minister John Battle said the leak threw "into question the in-tegrity of the relationship be-tween the secretary of state and the MMC". He said it was

"an incredibly dangerous pre-cedent" for electricity shares to change hands on the basis of price-sensitive information which had yet to be considered by the secretary of state. The National Consumer Council director, Ruth Evans warned the takeovers could lead to higher bills for customers.

However, Yvonne Con-stance of the Electricity Con-sumers Committees said consumers could be safeguarded provided Recs were made to purchase power competitively by law.

### Newspaper Publishing asks for £23m to cover Independent loss

Spanish publisher, Promo-Lisa Buckingham toroa de Informaciones (Prisa), one of Newspaper EWSPAPER Publish-Publishing's founder inves tors, will not participate in Ning, which owns the In-dependent and Independent on Sunday, is raising anthe fund-raising and will see its stake cut to other £23 million from its main shareholders to help 6.73 per cent. This is the second reficover past losses and an ex-pected £6 million deficit nancing of Newspaper Publishing in less than a year. But chairman, Liam Healy, this year. Most of the money will come from the group's main investors, Mirror Group Newspapers and Tony said the company had sig-nificantly reduced its losses through rationalisation and increased revenues. O'Reilly's Irish Indepen-dent group, which each Like other newspaper groups, Newspaper Publish-ing is still suffering from holds a 43 per cent stake. Those holdings are likely to rise to almost 46.5 per-cent as a result of the rights the high cost of newsprint. Newspaper Publishing reported losses of about £19.5 million last year ---issue, which puts a price of just 31p on each share. In their heyday, Indepen-dent shares sold for at least £51 million in the 15 months to the end of 1994 and is known to want to in-£5 each in an internal crease the cover price of its market. daily newspaper as soon as It is understood that competitively possible.

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The Exchange's inquiry is understood to centre on rises in share prices on Thursday and Friday. Market sources suggested that market makers were confident on Thursday - before the Economist published a detailed account of the MMC's conclusions — that the takeovers would be cleared. The Exchange is understood to have contacted "relevant parties" to flush out the

source of the leaks. The Exchange refused to confirm the existence of the inquiry, but a spokeswoman said that the regulator would take an appropriate interest" in unusal price move-Yesterday's leaked report sent prices up sharely. National Power shares rose 13p to 489p, PowerGen shares rose 12p to 561p, and Southern Electric shares rose 20p to

888p. Shares also increased at Yorkshire and East Midlands. by 13p and 34p to 897p and 656p respectively, on the back of renewed takeover speculation in the sector. The MMC delivered its report to Mr Lang at the end of March. He will consider its

### Three directors share £1m for mere 12 months' work

Sarah Whitebioom and Lisa Buckingha HREE former directors of National Express will share compensation of nearly £1 million after spending a total of 12 months on the board, the coach company's annual report revealed yesterday. The three — Don Colston, Joe Duffy and Brian Kerslake -joined the board in May last year after West Midlands Travel, the bus company they ran, was taken over by National Express, netting them a huge shares windfall. Mr Colston resigned from the board in August but remains an employee of WMT until the end of this month when he will receive £264,059 in "retirement compensation". This is on top of remu-

neration of £137,106 paid in respect of the period after his resignation in 1995. Mr Duffy resigned in November and is set to collect a total of £429,561 in compensa-tion. He received £19.960 from

the time of his resignation to the end of 1995. Mr Kerslake resigned in

August and received £232,000.

from a trade mission to Japan next week. The trade and industry department refused to comment on the leak, but said an inquiry was a matter for

the Exchan The MMC is said to have recommended that the bids, worth £4.75 billion together, be cleared on three conditions First, that the companies be forced to sell off within 18 months the generating capacity owned by Southern and Midlands once the Recs had been bought. Second, that the companies ring-fonce price sensitive information such as details about contracts signed by the Recs with other power enerators. Third, that industry regula-

tor professor Stephen Little-child be awarded extra powers to monitor and enforce operating agreements. Industry sources sugg that this was a reference to extra safeguards for consumers by ensuring that generat-ing companies and Recs sold and bought power at competi-tive prices despite their ownership.

### Meanwhile, Cadbury Schweppes, the sweets and fizzy drinks empire which

spawned corporate gover-nance guru Sir Adrian Cadbury, reported yesterday that its chairman, Dominic Cadbury, was given a 26 per cent rise in remuneration to 2666,000. In addition Mr Cadbury was given a £254,000 pension payment. The company's highest-paid

director, chief executive David Wellings, earned £676,000, only fractionally more than last year, and received a pension contribution of £256,000.

It also emerged that, con-trary to recommendations contained in the Cadbury and Greenbury codes, many of the company's directors, includ-ing Mr Cadbury, enjoy three-year rolling service contracts. The company said three-

year contracts were necessar to recruit executives of "ap-propriate calibre". Cadbury has made a concession to the latest thinking on large pay-offs by saying that, following changes made in 1993, its directors are entitled to only three years of their basic pay rather than total remuneration.

Names package

### Pauline Springett

LOYD'S of London is to increase its proposed settlement offer to loss stricken Names from £2.8 hillion to more than

£3 billion, sources close to the insurance market dis-closed yesterday. The extra cash would be used mainly to help up to 15,000 Names who have me

their losses so far, but are being asked to stump up even more. Many of these Names have threatened to reject the offer — due to be finalised in May — believ-ing they are being treated unfairly. The market, which has recently lost £11 billion, could collapse

the offer is rejected. The new-look rescue deal is still likely to attract stiff opposition from Names. It is understood that the new money is likely to benefit only those fully paid-up Names who are facing the highest bills. It is also believed that the

lion's share of the new money may be given to Names who are litigating over their losses. That may infuriate Names who refrained from suing. This is the first time Lloyd's has indicated that the £2.8 billion offer will definitely be improved. Until now it has maintained that despite strenuous efforts to persuade agents, brokers and auditors to top up the compensation, nothing could be promised. Negotiations are continu ing, and the final contribu-tions from each party have yet to be agreed. It is under stood Lloyd's may have se-

cured an extra £300 million Lloyd's is also polsed to announce that it will cost Names much less than they had originally thought to re-insure their old year liabilities through Equitas. This is the company being set up to manage claims from 1992 and earlier. Originally, Lloyd's esti-mated Equitas would cost the Names £1.9 billion, but initial indications from the

pressure on the Names.

biggest shareholder, with a 24.5 per cent stake before the Department of Trade and Industry have shown the announcement. Mazda made cost will be closer to £1.5 billion. This "extra" £400 million will also case the mistake, however, of investing heavily in luxury cars

routine sudit of a financial group's affairs but will be able to act when there is a significant change in the business — such as when Barings became more of a securities bouse than a bank — or when there is warning of weakness such as that received by the Bank from the Bank for Interna-tional Settlements in Basle not long before the Barings No doubt there will be some

complaints about all this being too late. Nevertheless, the Bank deserves some credit for recognising the problems in its own procedures and moving with due speed to correct them.

### **Crossed lines**

EUTSCHE Telekom's rather delphic declara-tion of interest, over a Frankfurt supper table, in events at Cable & Wireless eaves unclear whether it is interested in the whole company, just Mercury Communications in the UK, or much

### Ford now in driving seat at Mazda

Kevin Rafferty

CRD Motor Company an nounced yesterday it is taking effective control of Ja-pan's sixth-largest carmaker by increasing its stake to 33.4 per cent. "Mazda has traded its Japa-

nese nationality for survival, one Japanese newspaper said Henry Wallace, a Scot sent by Ford to Hiroshima in 1994 as executive vice-president, will become president of Mazda from June. It will be the first time a

foreigner has become chief ex-ecutive of a leading Japanese company and represents a stunning reversal of fortunes in an industry where only a few years ago the Japanese ruled the international roost and the Americans were regarded as ailing. Ford has been working with fazda since 1969 and was the

groups that run the power stations to take over the firms that supply and distribute power to households might operate against the public interest. But it then argues that, because it cannot prove this it will let National Power take over Southern Electric and PowerGen swallow up Mid-

lands Electricity. This is a bizarre statement from a body whose chief role is to guard the public interest. Surely, if there is any doubt, the commissioners ought to presume that interest will be harmed and only allow the bid to proceed under the protec-tion of strict and rigorous

Perhaps when the full report is published the MMC case will look more defensible. For now, it appears to be naive in the extreme.

### NI jobs initiative is 'all show, but no real action'

A TTEMPTS to accelerate Aeconomic development in Northern Ireland could collapse, Howard Hastings, chairman in the Province of the Institute of Directors, said last night. The Northern Ireland

Growth Challenge, a government-driven private sector initiative to create 60,000 jobs initiative to create 60,000 jobs by the turn of the century, was, he said, strong on presen-tation but lacking real action. Mr Hastings told an IoD banquet in Belfast: "If this ini-tiative represents a call to in-dustry to address specific growth targets, then it has failed to articulate these chal-lenges to the business commulenges to the business community as a whole. They may have laid out their stall, but they have not yet closed the sale.

Hong Kong governor Chris Patten was among an audi-ence of 380 business leaders which also heard Mr Hastings, whose family runs Ulster's largest hotel chain, claim the Civil Service was increasingly politicised and too often preoccupied with policy prejust as Japan's economic bubsentation and short-term results.

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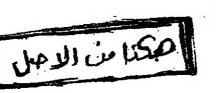
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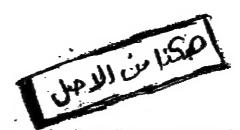
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## **EUROPEAN BUSINESS 23** State-owned firm ponders ambitious move into race for telecoms rival Red carpets and a Germans eyeing up C&W blue Citroën bring **Eastern promise**

### Nicholas Bannister Technology Editor

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EUTSCHE Tele kom's chief financial officer, Joachim Kroeske has surprised the City by revealing that the Ger-man state-owned telecommunications monopoly has started unofficial inquiries about making a takeover bid for Cable & Wireless. Such a move would pit Deutsche Telekom against British Telecom, which is al-

ready a long way down the route to a £35 billion merger agreement with C&W. Mr Kroeske told reporters

at a dinner in Frankfurt on Thursday that Deutsche Tele kom considered Britain a key market in its plans to broaden its presence in Europe. When asked about a takeover of

C&W, he said: "We are in-volved in sensitive pre-emior-atory talks. But there have een no official discussions He added: "There is hardly a company that we aren't talk-ing with. We need more time

to figure out which constell tion is possible and can be financed." However, City analysts said that Deutsche Telekom was unlikely to make a full bid for C&W, though they accepted it was a strong contender to buy for C&W

C&W's 80 per cent stake in Mercury Communications, the British talephone business, which would have to be In C&W's crown.

ness, which would have to be sold if C&W and BT merged. They pointed out that the uncertainty created by a full bid for C&W, which has a cur-rent market value of £12 billion, would force the German government to postpone the long-planned privati-sation of Deutsche Telekom,

due later this year. One ana-

lyst said: "Deutsche Telekom doesn't appear to be in a posi-tion to take on C&W, because it is heavily borrowed and it has enough obligations in its own market." The group has borrowings of about 100 billion marks (£44 billion). In addition the group, because it is still state owned and without quoted shares, would be unable to make a reverse takeover bid This is the mechanism BT is

planning, to avoid a further bid for the 26 billion minority stake in Hongkong Telecom, the 57.5 per cent-owned jewel The most logical move would be for Global 1, the joint venture between Deutsche Te-lekom and France Télécom, to buy Mercury, to give it access to the big UK multinational

owned group appeared to rule out such a deal last week. Jo Oliver, an analyst at NatWest Markets, said Mr Kroeske's comments would

strengthen C&W's position in its talks with BT. The possible emergence of a rival, however improbable, would force BT to weight the offer terms alightly more in C&W's favour. The shift in balance was reflected. in share prices yesterday, with C&W rising 9p to 535p

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market. The French statestake for £480 million at the

top of the market in Novem-

European telecom monopo-lies, which are facing their

and BT slipping 1.5p to 368.5p. Most major telecom groups are running the slide rule over C&W's Mercury stake, which is thought to be worth about 21.5 billion. A spokesman for BCE, the big Canadian company which owns 20 per cent of Mercury, said earlier this Peek: "We are monitoring the situation closely and have no BCE bought its Mercury

ber 1992. British cable TV operators have discussed forming a con-sortium to bid for Mercury. They have had a long relation ship with the company, which carries many of their long-distance calls over its network. If Mercury is put up for sale owever, the timing could not be worse for the big mainland

nent President Jacques Chirac gave China's prime biggest shake-up --- the open-ing of their markets to compe minister earlier this week. As Li Peng leaves France ition. The main European today after four days of diplomatic incidents and Union countries are to open up their telecom markets fully protests about China's hum by January 1, 1998. Analysis, however, believe that BT would not have allowed its bankers to restart merger talks with C&W unless it was confident that a buyer ights record, Britain looks set to benefit also from the payback for President Chirac's hospitality. Among trade contracts

worth more than Fr11 billion (£1.5 billion) that have been acceptable to the British regulatory authorities could be agreed during Mr Li's visit is a preliminary aircraft-building found for Mercury. greement involving British Aerospace

Chirac strikes big deals with Li Peng - no awkward human rights questions asked. ALEX DUVAL SMITH reports from Paris

of Shanghai and Framatome will supply tunnelling equipment for the city's new underground train system. But the aircraft-building deal is potentially by far the most lucrative, since it £1 billion from the conmost lucrative, since it centres on the development of a new 100-seater by North Korsa and China, in cooperation with Aerospatiale,

British Aerospace and the Italian Alenia Observers said, however, that Chinese pledges on joint ventures should be viewed with caution, adding that Beijing will not confirm until June whether it intends to cooperate with the European consortium or Boeing, which is already well established in

China A French diplomat said: "China exercises 'jet nentioning human rights and diplomacy' with great finesse It basically involves signing several documents pledging

Citroën, France has sold 30 Airbus passenger aircraft and confirmed an earlier order for an intention to buy and considerably fewer actual a further three.

It has also secured the expansion of a Citroën factory and deals to sell corn and oil to China. Sofregaz, a subsidiary of Gaz de France, will install estic gas supplies in a part

RANCE reaped trade deals which could be worth more than

troversial red carpet treat-

In return for hardly

giving Mr Li an azure-blue

Others expressed disappointment that the Elysée Palace had promise uch more than the Chines delecation actually delivered **GEC** Alsthom had been hoping to confirm an order for 28 locomotives but did not even secure a "declaration of intent".

ride"

Electricité de France failed in its bid for a role in a new thermal power station. Mr Li's visit was overshadowed by loud protests over China's human rights record, not least because a large number of political refugees came to France after the Tiananmen equare student uprising. President Chirac's desire to a lover of Oriental art — met with several obstacles over Mr Li's four days in Franc The prime minister's visit today to the Airbus factory in

Chirac had been "taken for a

Toulouse is his only surviving walkabout in a schedule which has changed day by

day. The lowest point came on Wednesday evening when Mr Li, aware that the French prime minister, Alain Juppé. had succumbed to pressure to mention human rights in a pre-dinner speech, turned up an bour and a baif late.

purchase agreements. Then the real negotiating begins." Diplomatic scepticism was matched by several French business leaders, one of whom business leaders, one of whom said privately that President

## Unholy adland gets the papal blessing

John Glover in Milan

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**OES the Pope sell?** The world is about to find out, for the pontiff has agreed to give — for the first time — a product

testimonial John Paul II has already hit Italian, German and Spanish television screen and will be going global as the year progresses. Next week, the poster part of the campaign gets under way. St Peter's successor, the world's most sought-after product-plugger, has been brought in to sell a double-CD featuring his recital of selection of Gregorian chants interpreted by the



## **Milan's secretive bank** elbowed from top spot

Paschi di Siena.

### Robert Cox

F Italian finance had its own version of the rank-ings that determine which securities firms reign on Wall Street and in the City, observ-ers would note an interesting change in 1995

For the first time in memory, the secretive Milan investment bank Mediobanca, which celebrated its 50th

anniversary on Wednesday, was given a run for its money in raising capital for Italian nnani

· Istituto Mobiliare Italiano, a once sleepy government

among underwriters of Italian assets, primarily through its

1 The Norwegian Industry

Federation said yesterday

strike scheduled for next

week would shut down 70 per cent of Norway's oil production. The strike is

planned to begin at mid-night on Tuesday and is ex-

pecied to involve 2,000 to 2,500 workers at platforms run by Statoil, Phillips Pe-

troleum, Amoco Corp, BP

The European Bank for

Reconstruction and Develop

ment has signed an agreemen under which it is to take a 22

per cent stake in Zemes, the Latvian commercial bank.

minister, Franck Borotra, said on Wednesday that

(£130 million) would be set aside to help the country's

23,000 small and medium

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The French industry

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Update

"There is Mediobanca and there is IML" That's fine with IMI, which is staking out territory on Piazza Affari, the heart of Milan's financial district, by allying with the country's leading commercial banks Istituto Bancario San Paolo di Torino, Cariplo and Monte dei "We don't want to be the anti-Mediobanca," said Vit-torio Serafino, vice-chairman in charge of IMI's investment

bank. "IMI is trying to position itself into the financial Italy that will be in 10 years where there are strong institutional investors to match strong corporations."

buttresses of Mediobanca's half-century domain over Italian finance comes as more experienced bankers are trying to do the same - and succeeding. Morgan Stanley, Goldman Sachs, Schroder and others have won some of the iggest advisory mandates. IMI has every reason to succeed. There is backing from Italian corporations and the government, which sees domestic competition in the investment banking industry in the country's interest. More than half the 150 raders and fund manager

polled by Milano Finanza/SWG expect Mediobanca's power to wane 43.5 per cent consider IMI the bank best suited to become Mediobanca's rival, As well as underwriting the overnment's ENI asset sale, MI has clinched privat transactions. It is global coordinator with Morgan Stanley in Mediaset's 2,000 billion lire share issue in June. - Bloomberg.

choir of Radio Vatican. The CD campaign, which uses library film of the Pope, has been dreamed up by ad agency Leo Burnett, making use of some most unspiritual - but wellproven -- techniques, including direct respon (anyone interested phones number and orders the product).

The slogens, "I enter each home to enter each heart," and "Your home is my Church," have a certain professional polish, in Ital-ian at least, and the media have been carefully chosen

The TV ad was shown on nationwide RAITV, well away from the scantilyclothed dancing girls that are staple fare on Italian television, just before the Pope was televised live from St Peter's Square celebrating the Easter mass. Not all of the Pope's con-tacts with the world of com

merce have been entirely happy — as with the visit he made to Calp, a crystal maker near Siena, in honour of St Joseph, patron saint of workers. After he made a speech extolling the virtues of social solidarity and criticising the unrestrained application of the profit motive, the company

presented him with some

In all humility . . . The Pope bows to kiss the foot of one of 12 elderly men whose feet he washed during a traditional commerce-free ceremony in St John Lateran's Basilica, Rome PHOTOGRAPH: MASSIMO SAMBLICETTI

complained about unfair glassware for his private competition, employers' organisations wondered Following the visit, Calp ran newspaper ads boast-ing, "His Holiness chose Calp to bless the world of work," and showing the wares presented to him... The company's share what was wrong with the profit motive, and the Vati-can had to issue a clarifica-In the latest campaign, because — unlike the issuers of most run of theprice rose. Competitors

has a job until he dies and so has no pension problems to worry about, the Holy Father received nothing. The campaign was created free by Leo Burnett and the money raised by the CD sales will go partly to help Vatican Radio improve its

ismitters and partly to mill testimonals - the Pope fund parishes. According to Franco Giulino, who was in charge of the campaign: "If it was an efficient way of communi-cating it was no problem for

us. Anyway, it was OK for the Vatican and they're

job as joint global co-ordinator in the 6.5 trillion lire (£2.6 billion) initial stock offering in ENL "The banking world in Italy has now been divided into two players," said Jennifer Oliver-Martin, a Morgan Stanley banking analyst.

as Milan's financial markets are increasingly marginalised, with equity trading falling 20 per cent so far this year. In addition, Italy's brand of family capitalism is finding itself last man out as Anglo-Saron corporate governance takes over across Europe. IMI's struggle to scale the

### Bob Geldof helps youth of Poland to go Atomic

### SANCHIA BERG reports on the first post-communist music TV station

Borces with Polygram and a Polish entertainment company to create the first post-communist music television — Atomic TV. A sign of how much has changed in Poland, Atomic TV has its office in what was once a bomb shelter for communist ministers, and is now Warsaw's most successful night-club, the aptly named "Ground Zero". Atomic TV starts on a small

cale. From next Monday, Poland's 300.000 cable subscribers will be able to watch two hours of the new programmevery afternoon, repeated later in the day. The producers plan to

double their output soon, mov-ing towards a 24-hour station. As on MTV, young present-ers will introduce music rideos. There will be interviews with artists, and special atures on fashion and style, all in Polish. Forty per cent of the music will be from Polish

Making a brief visit to Warsaw for Atomic's mauguration Mr Geldof said that he did not want the programmes to be seen as "MTV in Polish". He said. "We want Atomic to reflect back what's happening here — in music, in society.' Mr Geldof said his television company, Planet 24, had proved it could create a brand" of television that people in Britain wanted to watch

He was confident that Atomic could achieve a simi-lar feat in Poland, the biggest market in central Europe. with the largest proportion of

young people. He said: "It should be like a club that everyone wants to belong to."

The music industry in Poland is small compared with that of western European countries. The International Federation for the Phonographic Industry estimated les of around £100 million for the first six months of last year. But the Polish economy is said to be the fastest growing in Europe and, now an anti-piracy law has cut down bootleg copies of cassettes, the major international music publishers are moving in. They are buying Polish companies, promoting their artists, and signing up Polish musicians. Helmer Escher, head of Warner Music Poland, said he expected sales to increase by 10 to 15 per cent this

International companies such as Pepsico are keen to reach the young audience of a music television channel. Todd Stump, of Ground Zero. said that Atomic had already attracted enough advertising to break even.

He said the initial invest-ment of £1 million would be ecouped quickly. Atomic, though, could soon face serious competition. America's Home Box Office is starting its own TV channel in Poland this summer. Slawomir Suss, managing director, said HBO was keen to start its own music channel, possibly by the end of the year.

He said it would be broadcast by satellite, reaching three times as many bouse holds as Atomic TV, and it would launch with at least 18 hours of programmes, rather than two.

As if preparing for battle, he said: "With a television channel there is a long road from launch to success — and the road is littered with failures."

Jon Henley in Helsinki VERY Saturday, shortly before 3pm, a strange ritual takes place on Finland's shopping streets. Normally reserved Finns become sud denly voluble. Cars screech to

a halt, queues form from notecomers arrive red faced and frantic. The 250 state-run liquor stores, the only ones in the country selling anything stronger than beer, are about to close — and hell hath ho

fury like a Finn denied his Last week, the rush was worse than usual. Facing falling sales and an end to its monopoly, the straightforwardly-named Alko is in trouble, and staff called a oneday strike in protest at planned job cuts.

This is a preposterous situation," railed the country's largest daily, Helsingin Sanomat, "We can only hope this strike will hasten the day when drink at reasonable prices can be bought in neighbourhood grocery shops." Alko's prices would make other Europeans blanch. A cheap wine costs £5, a basic Scotch £24, Alcohol duties gen-

erated 9 per cent of all state

revenue last year. Founded to protect Finns from themselves, Alko's task was, in the words of a 1960s Heisinki alcohol inspector, "the distribu-tion of an entirely superfluous commodity". It has grown into a major

apartments.

force, producing 60 million itres of alcoholic drink a year and exporting products such s Finlandia vodka to 20 countries. Sales are worth more than £725 million. In fact, judged by per capita consumption, Finns are not excessive drinkers but, like

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other Nordics, they go in for binges, drinking solely to get drunk. "We have a special relationship with alcohol," said one health ministry offi-Finland may have been im-ported from neighbouring Re cial. "You can't change a nation."

the balance following Finland's entry last year into the European Union. Privately, government offi-cials admit that the retail monopoly, officially sanctioned

by the EU on health grounds until the end of 1996, cannot



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Promise of cheaper drink leaves Finnish drunks ready to toast EU rules last. Equally worrying for Alko are estimates that up to ing the Russian border with 20 per cent of the alcohol in

> tonia and Russia, where vodka costs a fifth of the Finnish

"The economy's growing, people are drinking more, but our sales dropped 10 per cent last year and we've had to shed staff," said Alko managing director Reijo Salmi. "The east of the country particularly is awash with cheap drink. People are cross-

carloads of beer 15 times a and 1988. Half the money will be made available this day." Stang by the revenue loss, the government has propose restricting duty-free imports from pon-EU countries. Finns eye its attempts to postpone the inevitable with disbelief "Restriction constitutes a

big reason for the warped drinking behaviour of our cit-izens," Helsingin Sanomat de clared. "Surely today the evila of drink can best be controlled by information, not more restrictions."

year, allowing for equity-based support for innovative firms via the Caisse des Depots. 1 The supervisory board of German shipbuilder Bremer

Vulkin has approved manage ment board plans to break up the group, according to union sources. Germany's largest shipbuilder has been struggling for survival since filing for protection from creditors in late February. The company needs a capital injection Kippen Williams of more than 1 billion marks

NOW YOU'RE I a sum company sources con-cede it has little hope of rais-

Thursday's fire at Dus-seldorf airport, which claimed 16 lives and injured more than 100 people, will cost insurers "probably more than 100 million Fair marks," Bernd Michaels chief executive of the lead ing insurer, Provinzial enerversicherungsanste der Rheinprovinz, said.

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Flightless birds, bloodstock and chinchillas. All creatures great and small are used to gull the unwary. SARAH WHITEBLOOM and DAN ATKINSON uncover the natural history of investment scandals

# There's one born every minute

STRICHES Would you buy aflightle African bird and hope to make money? omeone. somewhere will. Someone, somewhere has. Around 2,000 people have spent an estimated £44 million on more than 3,600 ostriches, in what appears to be one of the classic "investment opportunities" of our time. In the hope of ludicrously high returns — some 51.6 per

cent a year minimum — "in-vestors" flocked to buy birds from the Ostrich Farming Corporation. The offshore element in the deal — the farm is in Belgium — and the fact that there is no regulatory safety-net were, presumably, added incentives. Last week, Nottingham-

shire-based OFC was closed down by the Department of Trade and Industry after a secret investigation. The Official Receiver is trying to calculate how many individuals have lost out and bow much money is owed to creditors. It is thought that many of those who invested in OFC's ostriches bought more than one bird and have exposures run-ning into tens of thousands of

pounds. Mature breeding ostriches come with a price tag of some £14,000 each. As if investors did not have

enough to worry about, last week the Serious Fraud Office was called in by the DTI to investigate allegations about

the company's operations. For its part, OFC is fighting the winding-up order and a case is due to be heard in the

To City professionals it sounded too good to be true. Having done their sums, financiers said it was inconceivable that the returns promised would be possible. Other ostrich farmers, who run legitimate operations, maintained that the only way OFC could give investors the promised returns was to raise cash by selling birds to more investors. "A classic case of pyramid selling," claimed one

The firm was open seven days a week to take the money. And, though the DTT inquiry began last November, it is understood that the number of investors has grown rapidly since then. In March alone the firm is believed to have taken £5 million.

An action group for owners, led by Stephen Whitmore, a Salisbury-based solicitor, has been started. He said yesterday that there is a "good pros-pect" investors will recover their birds, said to be individually tagged with microchips But who is going to look after the birds and who is going to pay for their care? The origi-

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nal fee paid to OFC was supposed to cover such costs. It is scarcely a unique story Since the South Sea Bubble, investors confidently have piled into the latest "sure thing". Anthony Trollope's 19th century blockbusters are littered with references to in-vestments in obscure railway ompanies which inevitably go horribly wrong. Since the last war there have been

countless offers which many have found it impossible to Dodgy investment schemes are one of Britain's growth industries. The Securities and investments Board, the City's chief regulator, investigated 512 cases in the last financial year, compared with 307 in the year before and 167 in 1989-90. Recent scandals have involved everything from chinchillas to newly-minted gold overeigns. Then there is the

classic investment in bloodstock. Sometimes the horses exist, sometimes they don't. The lure of diamonds has also proved irresistible. For some of the people who rushed to buy gemstone "unit trusts"

the high returns promised proved to be an illusion. Investors have even been offered the opportunity to invest in moulds, which they were supposed to grow at home and then sell back to the company at an extremely profitable rate.

In many cases, swindlers ride on the coat tails of legitimate - if morthodox - inrestment promotions. Fine vines, vintage cars, African art and "angel" investment in theatrical productions can all be respectable, albeit risky, punts for the strong-nerved speculator

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ments". Five billion dollars-worth of these "ghost securities" float around the world, and victims have included the Salvation Army and the Chicago Housing Authority. With slight variations in the

script, the scam remains the ame Victims are told that there is a semi-secret off-balance-sheet market in hugelyvaluable "prime bank" notes sometimes called bank guar antees or standby letters of credit, and that these can be bought at a discount and sold for a huge profit. There is no such market and the documents are impressive-looking

Similar, but distinct, is the "Marlboro" racket. A busi-nessman was murdered in March 1992 in Lancashire, in a killing believed to be con-nected to this type of fraud. investors are offered suppos edly seaborne containers of the world's most popular e; one container would hold 9.6 million cigarettes Bills of lading and certificat of freshness are produced; again, impressive documents tion convinces the victim be owns something valuable. He

Then there is the safe-deposit fiddle. Fraudsters rent a safe box at a bank, fill it with a few odds and ends and "confide" in the manager that it contains jewellery, bearer bonds or cash. The manager produces a receipt for the "valuables" and this receipt bearing the crest of a wellknown institution — is used

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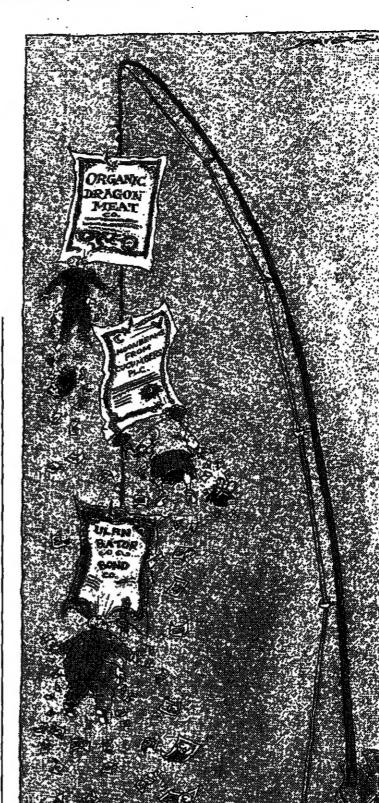
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High Court on May 8. The firm's press adverts painted a rosy picture of "a product that grows financially and naturally". What investors - OFC prefers "owners" --- were offered for their initial outlay was an ostrich. It was the "meat of the millennium" and the firm also guaranteed to buy a set number of chicks a year - an ostrich produces around 40 annually — at £500 a head.

claves offering banking secrecy and protection from the prying eyes of supervisors. • Eye-popping returns. You will promise dividends dwarfing those on conventional securities. Your offshore base will let you rep-resent these returns as plausible because tax free. • The "inner circle" factor. You must build the impression that would be inves-

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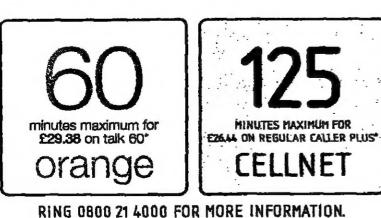
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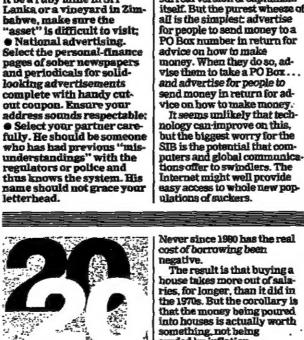
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EADLINES this week have once again proclaimed the golden age of cheap mortgages, accompa-nied by puzzled articles wondering why Britons are not spending the resulting riches The answer to that puzzle is simple — despite the steady fall in mortgage rates, the real cost of buying a house is still at historically high levels and actually represents the forced curing which are constitues savings which are sometimes urged on the British Government, mimicking Draconian schemes in places such as Sin-In the supposedly benighted

1970s, and especially under the maligned Labour Government from 1974 to 1979, the cost of a mortgage was not just cheap, it was negative. The actual rate did rise to

more than 12 per cent in 1976, but in that year the rate of inflation was almost 17 per cent. Only in 1978 did the real mortgage rate (after deducting inflation) turn positive again. The result of Mrs Thatcher's great homeowner revolution, and the deregulation of the financial sector, was a sharp rise in mortgage costs.

egative. The result is that buying a house takes more out of sala-ries, for longer, than it did in the 1970s. But the corollary is that the money being poured into houses is actually worth something not being eroded by inflation. In the 1970s you could buy a house knowing that the pain would quickly ease. In the first year the mortgage might take a third of your income. But with inflation up to 24 per cent in 1975, income could double in three or four years, while the cost of the mortgage stayed the same or even fell. Housing is now much less affordable to begin with — the

same net income buys a smaller property. To make natters worse, low inflatio means that the pain of the ini-tial mortgage just does not go away. The slide in interest rates

over the past few years has brought only minor relief, even to those who are not stuck on fixed rate mortgages As if all that wasn't bad enough, it isn't even possible to liberate cash by moving Down

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The stubborn refusal of house prices in most parts of the country to rise even in line with general inflation means that the only way of freeing some capital for people who have bought since the mid-1980s is to move to a smaller 1011

Next time you are told you've never had mortgages so good, remember the wonderful 1970s.



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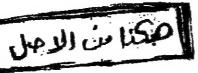
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